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JUNE 1, 2000

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Assistant Secretary Philip Bowman was also present.

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hunting for deer is a social issue and not a biological issue. Hearing no comments from the Commission, Chairman Gattle opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Fred Smith, representing dog hunters from Washington Parish in the Mt. Herman Hunting Club, stated this is a very important issue. He does not dispute the percentages. The total time allotted for dog hunting versus still hunting is one-fourth to three-fourths. The change will affect the people as hunters and their way of life at that time of the year. Other reasons not to agree on the change is because of the dogs the hunters own, the gas and feed they buy and the impact on the economy. Mr. Smith added that it was not time to change yet, but maybe in the future. He then spoke on future trends that may occur within the State. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Prickett how many days of hunting occurs in that area? Mr. Prickett stated there is a 50/50 split for the centerfire rifle hunting season.

An Unidentified Speaker that lives and owns property in Mt. Herman stated his land is posted and he has tried talking to the dog hunters. He stated he was for the ban on dog hunting in that area after explaining incidences that have happened on his land.

Mr. Jessie Jenkins stated he was an alligator hunter and asked that the alligator season be moved two weeks earlier so it could start in August. He added that the Marsh Island alligator season begins in July. This move in the season would give the hunters a better opportunity to work the alligators. Chairman Gattle stated these regulations do not pertain to the alligator season, but added he appreciated his comments.

Mr. Chad Smith from Mt. Herman began by thanking the Commission for listening to the dog hunters. He felt the change from last month's meeting of 52 percent to 66 percent in support of the change was a big difference. Mr. Smith commented on several conversations with landowners in that area and disputed some of the figures. He felt the issue was not with the landowners, but was with the still hunters. He then asked the youth in the audience to stand that was in favor of dog hunting.

An Unidentified Youth stated he has been dog hunting since he was 10 years old and would like to see it continue. He also stated he owns one dog. Chairman Gattle stated he enjoyed seeing youth at the meetings and involved in wildlife and fisheries issues.

An Unidentified Speaker that is President of Tickfaw Hunting Club stated he lives in an area that is all leased. He suggested letting the hunting clubs decide which way they want to hunt.

Mr. Philip McGee stated he only knows of one person that hunts with dogs in his area and this person has no way to catch the dogs he releases nor does he even want to catch them.

Mr. Joey Roberts stated he lives and owns property in the petitioned area. He believed a fair job was done in talking with all of the still hunters and dog hunters. He suggested letting the numbers speak for themselves.

Mr. Corbett McDonald of the Mt. Herman Hunting Club stated still hunters complain to the game wardens about dogs going onto their property. He added that they will drive 100 miles to pick up their dogs if they have to since they have a lot of money and time invested in the dogs. Mr. McDonald commented still hunters have more time to hunt deer than the dog hunters do since they are generally picking up their dogs around 2 in the afternoons. He agreed that it was not time to change. He concluded by stating they stay away from residential areas. Commissioner McCall asked Mr. McDonald to explain what he meant by picking up his dogs around 2 in the afternoon. Then he asked what is an average area covered before the dogs are picked up? Mr. McDonald stated they run the dogs in a 200 acre area.

Ms. Lenora McIntyre stated she lives in and owns property in Mt. Herman and has a 10 year old son that enjoys still hunting. She stated it was just as exciting to walk out of the woods from still hunting with a deer rather than one that has been killed after it has been run with dogs.

Mr. Todd McDonald stated he enjoys hunting with Mt. Herman Hunting Club and running dogs. There was a period of 8 years where all the hunting done was still hunting and Mr. McDonald stated he missed running the dogs. He added he sees no difference in hunting deer over corn or food plots or hunting deer with dogs.

Mr. Wayne McElveen stated he used to be a member of the Mt. Herman Hunting Club. The deer in Washington Parish has three problems - man, dogs and coyotes. He stated it was the Commission's responsibility to regulate man with more stringent laws and regulations and adding more agents in the area. Mr. McElveen commented he would like to see a regulation where it would

be illegal to take deer with four points or less. The second problem is dogs, he stated he has seen many deer injured running from dogs. The last problem was coyotes running deer at night. He concluded by stating there was a need to get rid of the dogs and coyotes and to regulate hunters so they could have a bigger, better deer.

An Unidentified Speaker speaking on behalf of the Mt. Herman Hunting Club stated their members do go after their dogs. He added that they do not bother cattle on his land.

Mr. Dwight Tate, from Livingston Parish, stated if Washington Parish is outlawed for hunting deer with dogs, what parish will be next? He added that he is a still hunter and a dog hunter. Also he stated he does own land but does not have a problem with dogs running across his property.

Mr. Vernon Cory, representing a small group of leaseholders in Livingston Parish, stated he has hunted with dogs all of his life as well as still hunted. He felt regulations should be established in the hunting clubs and not allow the arguing between the two different groups to occur.

Chairman Gattle stated there is a regulation for both hunting with and without dogs in the proposed area. The Commission, if they desire to act, would need a motion to change what was in effect. Commissioner Busbice stated he has two sons that hunt, one that still hunts and one that likes to dog hunt. He felt this was a landowner problem versus a dog problem. He added that he feels the deer become nocturnal after the season opens and explained several reasons why this occurs. Also, Commissioner Busbice knew of a study which showed that deer not hunted, four years old and older, became more nocturnal. Three things will cause a buck to move and those are: food, a doe in heat or a dog. After deer were restocked in the 1950's, they were mainly hunted by dog hunters in the 1960's. Now there is a mixture of hunting activities. Commissioner Busbice asked Mr. Fred Smith several questions which included: how many dogs are cast for a hunt; what kind of dogs are used, and why do they use Walker dogs. Then he asked all dog hunters not to gather on the main roads and stay from the public's eye. Also he added that etiquette needs to improve for all dog hunters. Then Commissioner Busbice asked a landowner if he has contacted the Sheriff's Office concerning their problems with dogs and what was the response. Then he asked if the District Attorney or Legislator in the area has been contacted? Commissioner Busbice

then asked if there would be a problem if the Commission closed all hunting in the area during that timeframe.

Mr. Keith Landry stated he lives in Livingston Parish and if Washington Parish season was closed, they would come to hunt in his area.

Commissioner Busbice asked a landowner if closing an area north of the proposed zone created more hunters on his property? The landowner stated everyone piled on. Concluding, Commissioner Busbice stated that everyone involved are hunters. Commissioner Stone stated he was a dog hunter several years ago on a very isolated place in Louisiana and they still heard complaints about their dogs. The problem will not go away, nor will hunting disappear. The State of Mississippi is going through a similar problem in their Legislature, and Commissioner Stone felt dog hunting would be legislated out. If the problem was going to continue, Commissioner Stone felt the only thing to do was to make a motion to discontinue dog hunting in that portion of Washington Parish. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion. Commissioner Carver stated he hates seeing anything taken away from a hunter, but this issue is one that is not going to go away. He added that both the dog hunters and still hunters need to straighten up their acts and their conduct. If the youth is exposed to bad conduct, there is the chance of creating anti-hunters and anti-guns. Chairman Gattle commented both groups have rights, but feels the landowners has the right to choose. He added this may be more a trespass issue rather than anything else. There being no further discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. The motion passed with two in opposition.

Reconvening from a break, Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. Dave Morrison to **Announce Species for 2001 Duck Stamp**. He began stating this was the thirteenth year for the program and it has been very successful for the Department. Approximately \$500,000 is generated each year from the sale of duck stamps which goes to help wetlands. The electronic licenses will cause the Department to look at the duck stamp program and make sure the image is cost efficient. The image for the 2001 stamp will be the northern shoveler. Packets will be sent out to the art community. Competition will be held on the Wednesday before the November Commission Meeting.

Chairman Gattle reminded all a packet on the **Nuisance Deer Policy (Information Only)** was given to the Commissioners at the last meeting. He then asked Mr. Larry Savage to come forward and

highlight this program. Mr. Savage explained the history of deer management in Louisiana. The policy will standardize the approach to nuisance deer complaints. Wildlife Division's staff has worked together with Enforcement on the policy. Commissioner Busbice asked if this policy was for problems like the City of Ruston was experiencing? Mr. Savage stated these type problems and other urban deer problems will be big problems in the future. He then explained the four complaint categories with the different levels of technical assistance in each category. All of the complaints will be documented in the future and an attempt will be made to standardize the approach. Then a report will be prepared at the end of the year. Commissioner Busbice asked if a problem develops, can a person get tags to remove deer out of season? Mr. Savage answered no. It would only be considered an option after a landowner has gone through all of the steps and utilized every technique possible. Policy III, the backbone of the policy, was explained by Mr. Savage. Chairman Gattle asked if a landowner has a lot of crop depredation, would such a situation be handled on a case by case basis? Mr. Savage stated it was handled differently in the different parts of the State. Commissioner Busbice asked how was the deer situation handled at the DeRidder airport? Commissioner Carver asked about a rural area with an orchard where deer are destroying the crops and its not sufficient to issue DMAP tags, will there be any way a person can get help? Mr. Savage suggested Option 4 may help. Commissioner Carver asked about the phrase, "where hunting is not permitted" in that Option? He added that issuing tags and deer hunting is not sufficient in keeping the deer out of the orchard. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated this policy was not perfect and they were trying to address a statewide problem. The policy is designed so hunters can not take nuisance deer during a closed season. If this policy does not work, the staff may be back before the Commission recommending changes. Then to Commissioner Carver, Mr. Prickett suggested additional tags may be issued to reduce the herd to take care of the situation he spoke on. Commissioner Busbice commented the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has been sued for crop damage and has to reimburse the landowner.

Mr. Randy Pausina handled the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent - 2000 Commercial King Mackerel Season and Trip Limit**. The trip limit is for compatible regulations for State and Federal waters. The Declaration of Emergency announces the commercial king mackerel season will open July 1, 2000 and also sets a 3,000 pound possession limit per trip. Also Mr. Pausina requested authority be given to the Secretary to close the season

when the quota has been met. The Notice of Intent would establish the 3,000 pound possession limit as a permanent rule. Chairman Gattle asked if the Notice of Intent would change the amount that can be caught? Mr. Pausina answered yes. Chairman Gattle asked if there is a quota for king mackerel and was it divided among recreational and commercial? Mr. Pausina stated there is only a commercial quota. Commissioner Delacroix asked if the trip limit was a reduction or an increase? Mr. Pausina stated there is no trip limit now. Commissioner Stone asked if this was just to be consistent with Federal regulations? Mr. Pausina answered yes. Mr. John Roussel stated annually a total allowable catch was set and then an allocation was given to the recreational sector and the commercial sector. The allocation for commercial fishermen is then converted into a quota and once it is reached, you stop fishing. On the recreational side, a bag limit is set to keep those fishermen within their allocation. Chairman Gattle asked for public comments and none were heard. He then asked Mr. Pausina to read the last paragraph on both Resolutions. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting both Resolutions. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolutions, Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2000 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON and POSSESSION LIMIT

June 1, 2000

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, LDWF has received a request from NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, and

WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2000 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters will open on July 1, 2000, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2000 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the possession limit for the harvest of commercial king mackerel shall be 3,000 pounds per trip, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by NMFS that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon, July 1, 2001, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 commercial king mackerel season and possession limit in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season and trip limit for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon, July 1, 2000 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; there will be a possession limit of 3,000 pounds.

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Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of king mackerel by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell king mackerel. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained. Those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL TRIP LIMIT

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WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the

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WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set possession limits for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations concerning the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana waters by establishing a 3,000 pound trip limit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
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Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.327, establishing a commercial trip limit of 3,000 pounds for king mackerel. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§327. Daily Take and Possession Limits of King Mackerel, and Spanish Mackerel, and Cobia

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E. Commercial king mackerel:

1. No person shall take, harvest, land or possess aboard a harvesting vessel king mackerel in excess of a recreational bag limit unless that person is in possession and has in his immediate possession a valid commercial fishing license, commercial gear licenses (if applicable) and a valid commercial vessel license. Persons taking, harvesting, landing, possessing or selling or attempting to sell king mackerel taken in or from the EEZ shall be in possession of a valid federal permit for Gulf King Mackerel issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The holder of such valid commercial licenses or federal permits (if applicable) shall not take, possess, land, sell, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to take, sell, barter, trade or exchange king mackerel, whole or eviscerated, in excess of 3,000 pounds at any time.

2. No person aboard any vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of king mackerel between vessels on state or federal waters.

3. Persons possessing king mackerel for commercial purposes shall not possess a recreational bag limit in addition to the 3,000 pound limitations as required herein.

4. No person shall sell, purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, purchase, barter, trade or exchange king mackerel, whole or eviscerated, in excess of 3,000 pounds. Except that such limitation shall not apply to the resale of king mackerel by a validly licensed Wholesale/Retail Seafood dealer who purchased such king mackerel in compliance with the regulations and requirements of this section and in compliance with other requirements of law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325.1, and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:868 (October 1989), amended LR 17:207 (February 1991), LR 19:513 (April 1993), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 4, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Notices of Intent - Removal of Monthly Reporting Requirement for: Black Drum Over 27 Inches, Striped Mullet, Florida Pompano, Spotted Seatrout, and Commercial Fish Traversing Permit were

handled by Mr. Randy Pausina. The Legislature passed a law allowing the Department to remove this monthly reporting requirement since the trip ticket program will capture the same data more efficiently. This action will also eliminate the need for a black drum permit.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if spotted seatrout is the same as speckled trout? Chairman Gattle stated yes.

Mr. Pete Gerica, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, agreed with removing the requirement since he felt the trip tickets were working. Commissioner Delacroix stated the forms for the permits to fish requires a lot of double paperwork. He added he feels this was a good move and it would help the fishermen.

Chairman Gattle passed on reading the Resolution and asked for a motion. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Busbice. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notices of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

MONTHLY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, SPECIAL PERMITS

JUNE 1, 2000

WHEREAS, special permit holders for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, Florida pompano, striped mullet, spotted seatrout, and holders of traversing permits are required to submit a report to the Department no later than 10 days following the last day of each month including total catch, effort, and other parameters which may be required by the department, and

WHEREAS, adoption of Act 130, Commercial Reporting Requirements of the 2000 1st Extraordinary Legislative Session, specifically R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6, allows the Department to capture the same information required in the monthly report more efficiently, thus making the existing monthly report redundant, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) provides that the Department shall have the authority to remove this requirement by rule, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, with the objective of sound management,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate notices of intent to remove the monthly reporting requirement of special permit holders for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, Florida pompano, striped mullet, spotted seatrout, and holders of traversing permits and remove the permit requirement for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copies of the notices of intent and proposed rules are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these rules shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these notices of intent and the final rules, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notices of intent and final rules and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.331, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length. Authority for adoption of this Rule

is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§331. Black Drum Size Limits, Daily Take, Possession Limits, and Quotas and ~~Special Permit Requirements~~

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3. The maximum legal size for the recreational or ~~commercial~~ taking of black drum shall be 27 inches total length; provided however that recreational fishermen shall be allowed to take and possess no more than one black drum per day over 27 inches. It is provided further that commercial harvesters using legal gear fishermen; ~~when in possession of a "Special Black Drum Permit"~~, shall be allowed to take and possess and sell black drum over 27 inches in unlimited quantities until the annual quota has been met in compliance with all other rules and regulations.

4. The annual commercial quota for 16 to 27 inch black drum shall be 3,250,000 pounds.

5. The annual commercial quota for black drum over 27 inches shall be 300,000 fish.

6. The fishing year for black drum shall begin on September 1, 1990 and every September 1st thereafter.

~~7. A "Special Black Drum Permit" shall be annually required for persons commercially taking black drum over 27 inches and each "Special Black Drum Permit" holder shall on or before the tenth of each month make a return to the department on forms provided or approved for the purpose, the number of black drum over 27 inches taken commercially during the preceding month.~~

87. Once the black drum commercial quota(s) has been met, the purchase, barter, trade or sale of black drum taken in Louisiana after the closure is prohibited. The commercial taking

or landing of black drum in Louisiana, whether caught within or without the territorial waters of Louisiana after the closure is prohibited. Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to prohibit the possession of fish legally taken prior to the closure order.

98. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall, by public notice, close the commercial fishery(s) for black drum when the quota(s) has been met or is projected to be met. The closure shall not take effect for at least 72 hours after notice to public.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with, R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:698 (August 1990), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.343, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of striped mullet. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§343. Rules for Harvest of Mullet

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E. Permits

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4. Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially take mullet and shall be forever barred from receiving any permit or license to commercially take mullet.

~~5. Each Mullet Permit holder shall, on or before the 10th of each month of the open season, submit an information return to the department on forms provided or approved for this purpose, including the pounds of mullet taken commercially during the preceding month, and the commercial dealers to whom these were sold. Monthly reports shall be filed, even if catch or effort is zero.~~

F. General Provisions. Effective with the closure of the commercial season for mullet, there shall be a prohibition of the commercial take from Louisiana waters, and the possession of mullet on the waters of the state with commercial gear in possession. Nothing shall prohibit the possession, sale, barter or exchange off the water of mullet legally taken during any open period provided that those who are required to do so shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.4 and R.S. 56:345 and be properly licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303 or R.S. 56:306.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325.1, R.S. 56:333 and Act 1316 of the 1995 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:333.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:1420 (December 1992) amended LR 21:37 (January 1995), LR 22:236 (March 1996), LR 24:359 (February 1998), LR_____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.703, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of Florida pompano. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§703. Pompano Permits

A. Harvest Regulations

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~~3. The bearer of a permit shall report monthly the catch and effort under the permit, even when catch or effort is zero. This report shall contain total catch, effort, and other parameters which may be required by the department. A report shall be received by the department no later than 10 days following the last day of each month.~~

43. When operating under the conditions of a permit, only pompano can be retained. All other species shall be immediately returned to waters from which they were caught. No other fish may be in the possession of the permittee and all fish on board the permitted vessel shall have the head and caudal fin (tail) intact.

54. The permittee shall have the permit in possession at all times when using permitted gear or harvesting permitted specie(s). Permit holder shall be on board permitted vessel when operating under conditions of permit. No permit is transferrable without written permission from the department secretary.

65. When permitted gear is on board permitted vessel or in possession of permittee, permittee and vessel are assumed to be operating under conditions of the permit. No gear other than permitted gear may be on board or in possession of permittee.

76. Any violation of the conditions of the permit shall result in the immediate suspension of the permit, and may result in the permanent revocation of the permit.

87. For permitting purposes, a pompano net shall be defined as a pompano strike net not exceeding 2400' in length and not smaller than 2-1/2" bar or 5" stretched mesh, that is not anchored or secured to the water bottom and that is actively worked

while being used. A pompano net shall not be constructed of monofilament.

98. The permitted boat used in the program shall have a distinguishing sign so that it may be identified. The sign shall have the operator's permit number printed on it in at least eight-inch high letters on a contrasting background so as to be visible from low flying aircraft or from any other vessel in the immediate vicinity.

109. Pompano strike nets may be used during the period from August 1 through October 31 of each year in waters in excess of seven feet in depth and beyond 2,500 feet from land (excluding islands) within the Chandeleur and Breton Sound area described in R.S. 56:406(A)(2).

101. No person shall fish under this permit during the hours after sunset and before sunrise. No person shall fish under this permit on Saturday or Sunday of any week during the open season, or on Labor Day.

112. Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the Department which states the name, address, and social security number of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take pompano. The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.

123. The department reserves the right to observe the operations taking place under the permit at any time and permittee shall be required to provide food and lodging on the permitted vessel for an observer at the request of the department.

134. All permittees shall notify the department prior to leaving port to fish under permitted conditions and immediately upon returning from permitted trip. The department shall be notified by calling a designated phone number.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:406A(3).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 12:119 (February 1986), amended LR 12:846 (December 1986), amended by the

Office of Fisheries, LR 16:322 (April 1990), LR 22:859 (September 1996), LR_____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.341, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§341. Spotted Seatrout Management Measures

A. Commercial Season; Quota; Permits

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4. d. Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially take spotted seatrout and shall be forever barred from receiving any permit or license to commercially take spotted seatrout.

~~5. Each Spotted Seatrout Permit holder shall, on or before the 10th of each month of the open season, submit an information return to the department on forms provided or approved for this purpose, including the pounds of spotted seatrout taken commercially during the preceding month, and the commercial dealers to whom these were sold, if sold. Monthly reports shall be filed, even if catch or effort is zero.~~

B. Commercial Taking of Spotted Seatrout Using Mullet Strike Nets, Seasons

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act Number 157 of the 1991 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, R.S. 56:6(25)(a); R.S. 56:325.3; R.S. 56:326.3; and Act 1316 of the 1995 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:325.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR 22:238 (March 1996), LR 24:360 (February 1998), LR.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.403, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for traversing permit holders. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§403. Traversing Permit

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H. Permittees will be required to abide by the following conditions:

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~~3. The permittee shall report monthly the catch and effort under the permit, even when catch and effort is zero. This report shall contain total catch, total effort, and any other parameters which may be required by the Department. The report~~

~~shall be filed with the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries no later than 30 days following the last day of each month.~~

34. When permitted gear is on board the permitted vessel or in possession of the permittee, the permittee and the vessel are assumed to be operating under authority of the permit. No gear other than gear allowed under the Traversing Permit may be on board the vessel or in possession of the permittee.

45. The vessel authorized for use under the Traversing Permit shall have distinguishing signs so that it may be identified as such. The signs shall have the letters "EEZ" and assigned numbers printed on them in at least 10-inch high letters and numbers on a contrasting background in block style so as to be visible and legible from low-flying aircraft and from any vessel in the immediate vicinity. The assigned numbers shall be situated on both sides and on top of the vessel.

56. The Department reserves the right to observe the operations taking place under the Traversing Permit and, at its request, the Department may assign aboard any permitted vessel an enforcement agent as an observer.

67. All permittees shall notify the Department four hours prior to leaving port to traverse or fish under the conditions of the Traversing Permit and immediately upon returning from the permitted trip. The Department shall be notified by calling a designated phone number.

78. The permittee must report to the Department the name of the buyer who will purchase the fish product obtained under the Traversing Permit. This information shall be provided at the time that permittee notifies the Department of his return.

89. When quotas have been met or seasons have been closed, no fish affected by such quotas or seasons may be possessed on board a vessel while having commercial gear on board traveling state waters.

210. Any violation of the conditions of the Traversing Permit and any violation of any fisheries regulation shall be punishable as defined by R.S. 56:320.2.D.(1) in accordance with Act 1316 of the 1995 Legislature.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:305.B, and R.S. 56:320.2.E.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:240 (March 1996), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Discussion of Nighttime Trawling and Double Rigs for White Shrimp in Lake Pontchartrain began with Commissioner Delacroix stating in the early 1960's, a decent living could be made trawling for white shrimp because there was no pressure on the shrimp at night. But with the advent of double rigs, skimmers and wing nets, the white shrimp have been beaten up from trawling at night. The specie needs time to rest and if they are worked both day and night, you risk losing your recruitment for the future season. He has seen Lake Borgne with 547 double rig boats in it and added this area is not big enough to handle all of those boats. The closure on nighttime shrimping has worked for the fishermen in the western part of the state. Commissioner Delacroix felt the shrimpers should regulate themselves. Mr. John Roussel stated the Commission does have the authority to prohibit an activity at night, but no authority with respect to gear. If an area would be closed at night, everyone would be shut down, commented Mr. Roussel. But if the Commission wanted to pursue a restriction on a specific type

gear, the Department could draft some legislation. Mr. Roussel reminded the Commissioners they would be setting the fall shrimp season dates at their August Meeting. He suggested holding a public hearing in the Lake Pontchartrain area to get input from the industry prior to the August Meeting. Commissioner Kelly stated the benefits from closing the Atchafalaya River to the west side of Vermilion Bay to nighttime shrimping has far outweighed the shortcomings. The only exception to the closure is butterfly fishermen can shrimp Southwest Pass at night. He agreed that shrimp needs to be allowed to recruit and fishermen should not keep the pressure constant on them. If industry does not want to regulate themselves, Commissioner Kelly felt the Commission should do what was best for the people in Louisiana. Commissioner Delacroix stated another issue was the crab traps. When a shrimper is working at night, they can not see where a crab trap was in order to put it back. Another problem is the skimmer boats working the ponds which does not allow the shrimp any place to grow. Again, Commissioner Delacroix felt the Department and Commission should regulate the people if they could not regulate themselves. Other issues of concern was the small shrimp, the over 100 count on the white shrimp and the possibility of regulating the big boats. Commissioner Stone felt the weakness in the shrimp industry has been a lack of representation and organization. He felt a shrimpers organization could be one of the strongest groups in the entire state if they would agree and work together. Chairman Gattle felt there has been a lot of issues discussed, but felt the suggestion of a public hearing in the Lake Pontchartrain area was a good idea. He added that, if the Commission did take action, it could not specify a gear, it would have to be nighttime versus daytime on all gear. Commissioner Delacroix asked if gear is restricted, would shrimpers be allowed to use butterfly nets at night? Mr. Roussel answered no, whatever area was defined would be closed for all gear. Commissioner Delacroix assured the intent of this was not to take away from anyone or hurt anyone's feelings.

Mr. Ellis Schouest, a shrimper from the Vermilion Bay area, stated the only problem he sees with the night closure was leaving the smaller inland body waters adjacent to the bigger waters open to night skimming or butterfly. He added he does not see how the nighttime closure helps when all of the shrimp are in the little duck ponds and they can not get to the larger bodies of water. He suggested, if a new law is written, specify the whole body of water. Mr. Roussel stated the Vermilion Bay night closure was done by the Legislature. Then he reminded the Commissioners the Department delivered a report to them on shrimp that touched on all

of the issues brought up by Commissioners Delacroix and Kelly. Mr. Roussel welcomed the opportunity to revisit that report and get back involved in the issues. Commissioner Busbice asked what happened with the report? Mr. Roussel stated the Legislature implemented some of the recommendations, but the Commission did not take any specific action. Chairman Gattle felt a Committee Meeting prior to the next regular Commission Meeting should be held to review those recommendations. He also told Mr. Roussel to proceed with the public hearing.

Mr. Jessie Jenkins, a shrimper in the Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Borgne area, stated that report Mr. Roussel referred to has a lot of good ideas. If restrictions are placed on fishermen, there will be an influx of boats in the cuts. He added he would like to see open Committee meetings and open public hearings on the south and north shore of Lake Pontchartrain. Mr. Jenkins told Commissioner Stone there is no way to get shrimpers together.

Mr. Pete Gerica, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association and Louisiana Management Council, agreed that getting the shrimpers together is a great idea, but it will not happen. He then stated he would agree to try a pilot program on closing night shrimping and going to a 68 or 70 count shrimp. He felt if baby steps are taken that does not affect a whole area and it proved to be successful, then the fishermen may agree to a change. Commissioner Delacroix stated he had no problem with Mr. Gerica's suggestion. Mr. Gerica agreed a public hearing may work as long as a central location was found.

Mr. Steve Drury stated he is a commercial fisherman that uses a double rig. He stated closing just Lake Pontchartrain would not be beneficial; nighttime shrimping needs to be closed in Lake Borgne or even the entire Zone 1 area. Mr. Drury stated the skimmers are beginning to ruin the shrimp crop for the next year. He suggested stopping the skimmer boats from getting into the marshes and taking the shrimp before they have a chance to leave.

A Youth Hunter Education Challenge Report was given by Mr. Jonathan Glasscock. The Department recently finished the 15th Annual Youth Hunter Education Challenge. The Challenge consists of 8 individual events with each event scoring a high of 300 points. There are 4 shooting events and 4 non-shooting events. Mr. Glasscock commented Louisiana is recognized nationwide for the Challenge, with there being 7 National Championship Teams since 1992 and 6 individual high overall National Champions in the last

8 years. Attending the meeting were members of the Caddo-Bossier Youth Shooting Club. All of the National teams came from a club started by Mr. Ed Tuggle. Mr. Tristan Larson, head coach of the Caddo-Bossier team, introduced the members. The team will go to Pennsylvania at the end of July and hopefully will take first place. Mr. Larson thanked Mr. Tuggle for putting the club together. He then introduced the other coaches and noted each are certified hunter education instructors. Chairman Gattle thanked and congratulated the team for the good job they have done in representing Louisiana. Mr. Glasscock stated this team was the team to beat at the Nationals in Pennsylvania.

The **Review of Wood Duck Video** was deferred to the next meeting by the Chairman. Ms. Marianne Burke suggested viewing the whole video rather than a 2 to 3 minute segment.

Chairman Gattle deferred on the **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for May**. Major Brian Spillman stated there was a lot of activity during the month from the boating industry and commercial fishing. If anyone should have any questions, they would address them at the July meeting.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **October 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, October 5, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Commissioner Kelly stated a group of fishermen from the Cypremort Point-Vermilion Bay area came to the meeting to talk about crab trap encroachment. He then stated it is hard at times to trawl without encountering numerous crab traps. There is a program now that fishermen can identify whether a trap is serviceable or non-serviceable. The real issue is with the number of crab traps and the placement of them in the channels and the areas where fishermen have fished for years.

Mr. Allen Trahan, a double rig shrimper, stated he can not make any passes without catching traps. He suggested maybe limiting the number of crab traps in the bays, but felt there was no way to enforce that regulation. He then suggested putting a season on the crab fishermen. Mr. Trahan was glad the nighttime trawling was closed in his area. He asked why not allow the crab fishermen the opportunity to fish when the shrimp season is closed. Also he asked why is there not a limit on the number of crab traps

a fishermen can use and why does that fisherman need 1,500 traps set in order to make a living.

Mr. Ellis Schouest, a single rig shrimper from Vermilion, stated the reason they were at the meeting was because of the crab traps in Vermilion Bay. He knows he can make a living in Vermilion Bay shrimping, but the crab traps are putting them out of business. There is no body of water where the traps are not on top of each other. Mr. Schouest asked the Commission to give the shrimpers time to make a living and not be put out of business. A letter given to each Commissioner was just suggestions on sharing the waterbodies. Commissioner Busbice asked if rebar material was being used on the frames and does the Commission have the authority to regulate the type of material used in manufacturing the traps? Mr. Roussel answered no, gear was restricted to the Legislature. Commissioner Busbice felt the Commission may make a recommendation on using rebar material to the Legislature. Then Commissioner Busbice asked if the Commission could limit the number of traps per fisherman? Mr. Roussel stated that would require legislation. Commissioner Stone asked if a season could be established for an area and was it feasible? Mr. Roussel answered yes to both questions. Mr. Schouest stated designating an area for a season would not work for him or the crabbers because both species move. He again suggested setting a closed crab season for three or four weeks before each shrimp season opens. Chairman Gattle asked if the purpose of having a season was to make the fishermen remove their traps from the water during the closed period? Mr. Schouest answered yes. Commissioner Stone stated someone needs to stand up and save the estuary.

Commissioner Kelly stated the Legislators from the area needs to be confronted with the issues by the shrimpers. He suggested the more people that talk to them about the problems, the better chance they may do something.

An Unidentified Speaker who is a commercial shrimper from Cypremort Point asked if Enforcement agents could go out into an area and ask the crab fishermen to thin out their traps so the shrimpers can make a living? Chairman Gattle stated the agents has no authority in that situation. Mr. Don Puckett read from Title 56 on the responsibility of the crab fishermen in where they place their traps. Commissioner Stone stated that would be hard to enforce.

Ms. Marianne Burke commented, with the use of guns in violence, the instructors and youth from the YHEC group was setting a great example on the proper use of guns not only for Louisiana but the Nation as well.

Commissioner Kelly thanked the fishermen for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, Commissioner McCall made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Delacroix.



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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hunting for deer is a social issue and not a biological issue. Hearing no comments from the Commission, Chairman Gattle opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Fred Smith, representing dog hunters from Washington Parish in the Mt. Herman Hunting Club, stated this is a very important issue. He does not dispute the percentages. The total time allotted for dog hunting versus still hunting is one-fourth to three-fourths. The change will affect the people as hunters and their way of life at that time of the year. Other reasons not to agree on the change is because of the dogs the hunters own, the gas and feed they buy and the impact on the economy. Mr. Smith added that it was not time to change yet, but maybe in the future. He then spoke on future trends that may occur within the State. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Prickett how many days of hunting occurs in that area? Mr. Prickett stated there is a 50/50 split for the centerfire rifle hunting season.

An Unidentified Speaker that lives and owns property in Mt. Herman stated his land is posted and he has tried talking to the dog hunters. He stated he was for the ban on dog hunting in that area after explaining incidences that have happened on his land.

Mr. Jessie Jenkins stated he was an alligator hunter and asked that the alligator season be moved two weeks earlier so it could start in August. He added that the Marsh Island alligator season begins in July. This move in the season would give the hunters a better opportunity to work the alligators. Chairman Gattle stated these regulations do not pertain to the alligator season, but added he appreciated his comments.

Mr. Chad Smith from Mt. Herman began by thanking the Commission for listening to the dog hunters. He felt the change from last month's meeting of 52 percent to 66 percent in support of the change was a big difference. Mr. Smith commented on several conversations with landowners in that area and disputed some of the figures. He felt the issue was not with the landowners, but was with the still hunters. He then asked the youth in the audience to stand that was in favor of dog hunting.

An Unidentified Youth stated he has been dog hunting since he was 10 years old and would like to see it continue. He also stated he owns one dog. Chairman Gattle stated he enjoyed seeing youth at the meetings and involved in wildlife and fisheries issues.

An Unidentified Speaker that is President of Tickfaw Hunting Club stated he lives in an area that is all leased. He suggested letting the hunting clubs decide which way they want to hunt.

Mr. Philip McGee stated he only knows of one person that hunts with dogs in his area and this person has no way to catch the dogs he releases nor does he even want to catch them.

Mr. Joey Roberts stated he lives and owns property in the petitioned area. He believed a fair job was done in talking with all of the still hunters and dog hunters. He suggested letting the numbers speak for themselves.

Mr. Corbett McDonald of the Mt. Herman Hunting Club stated still hunters complain to the game wardens about dogs going onto their property. He added that they will drive 100 miles to pick up their dogs if they have to since they have a lot of money and time invested in the dogs. Mr. McDonald commented still hunters have more time to hunt deer than the dog hunters do since they are generally picking up their dogs around 2 in the afternoons. He agreed that it was not time to change. He concluded by stating they stay away from residential areas. Commissioner McCall asked Mr. McDonald to explain what he meant by picking up his dogs around 2 in the afternoon. Then he asked what is an average area covered before the dogs are picked up? Mr. McDonald stated they run the dogs in a 200 acre area.

Ms. Lenora McIntyre stated she lives in and owns property in Mt. Herman and has a 10 year old son that enjoys still hunting. She stated it was just as exciting to walk out of the woods from still hunting with a deer rather than one that has been killed after it has been run with dogs.

Mr. Todd McDonald stated he enjoys hunting with Mt. Herman Hunting Club and running dogs. There was a period of 8 years where all the hunting done was still hunting and Mr. McDonald stated he missed running the dogs. He added he sees no difference in hunting deer over corn or food plots or hunting deer with dogs.

Mr. Wayne McElveen stated he used to be a member of the Mt. Herman Hunting Club. The deer in Washington Parish has three problems - man, dogs and coyotes. He stated it was the Commission's responsibility to regulate man with more stringent laws and regulations and adding more agents in the area. Mr. McElveen commented he would like to see a regulation where it would

be illegal to take deer with four points or less. The second problem is dogs, he stated he has seen many deer injured running from dogs. The last problem was coyotes running deer at night. He concluded by stating there was a need to get rid of the dogs and coyotes and to regulate hunters so they could have a bigger, better deer.

An Unidentified Speaker speaking on behalf of the Mt. Herman Hunting Club stated their members do go after their dogs. He added that they do not bother cattle on his land.

Mr. Dwight Tate, from Livingston Parish, stated if Washington Parish is outlawed for hunting deer with dogs, what parish will be next? He added that he is a still hunter and a dog hunter. Also he stated he does own land but does not have a problem with dogs running across his property.

Mr. Vernon Cory, representing a small group of leaseholders in Livingston Parish, stated he has hunted with dogs all of his life as well as still hunted. He felt regulations should be established in the hunting clubs and not allow the arguing between the two different groups to occur.

Chairman Gattle stated there is a regulation for both hunting with and without dogs in the proposed area. The Commission, if they desire to act, would need a motion to change what was in effect. Commissioner Busbice stated he has two sons that hunt, one that still hunts and one that likes to dog hunt. He felt this was a landowner problem versus a dog problem. He added that he feels the deer become nocturnal after the season opens and explained several reasons why this occurs. Also, Commissioner Busbice knew of a study which showed that deer not hunted, four years old and older, became more nocturnal. Three things will cause a buck to move and those are: food, a doe in heat or a dog. After deer were restocked in the 1950's, they were mainly hunted by dog hunters in the 1960's. Now there is a mixture of hunting activities. Commissioner Busbice asked Mr. Fred Smith several questions which included: how many dogs are cast for a hunt; what kind of dogs are used, and why do they use Walker dogs. Then he asked all dog hunters not to gather on the main roads and stay from the public's eye. Also he added that etiquette needs to improve for all dog hunters. Then Commissioner Busbice asked a landowner if he has contacted the Sheriff's Office concerning their problems with dogs and what was the response. Then he asked if the District Attorney or Legislator in the area has been contacted? Commissioner Busbice

then asked if there would be a problem if the Commission closed all hunting in the area during that timeframe.

Mr. Keith Landry stated he lives in Livingston Parish and if Washington Parish season was closed, they would come to hunt in his area.

Commissioner Busbice asked a landowner if closing an area north of the proposed zone created more hunters on his property? The landowner stated everyone piled on. Concluding, Commissioner Busbice stated that everyone involved are hunters. Commissioner Stone stated he was a dog hunter several years ago on a very isolated place in Louisiana and they still heard complaints about their dogs. The problem will not go away, nor will hunting disappear. The State of Mississippi is going through a similar problem in their Legislature, and Commissioner Stone felt dog hunting would be legislated out. If the problem was going to continue, Commissioner Stone felt the only thing to do was to make a motion to discontinue dog hunting in that portion of Washington Parish. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion. Commissioner Carver stated he hates seeing anything taken away from a hunter, but this issue is one that is not going to go away. He added that both the dog hunters and still hunters need to straighten up their acts and their conduct. If the youth is exposed to bad conduct, there is the chance of creating anti-hunters and anti-guns. Chairman Gattle commented both groups have rights, but feels the landowners has the right to choose. He added this may be more a trespass issue rather than anything else. There being no further discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. The motion passed with two in opposition.

Reconvening from a break, Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. Dave Morrison to **Announce Species for 2001 Duck Stamp**. He began stating this was the thirteenth year for the program and it has been very successful for the Department. Approximately \$500,000 is generated each year from the sale of duck stamps which goes to help wetlands. The electronic licenses will cause the Department to look at the duck stamp program and make sure the image is cost efficient. The image for the 2001 stamp will be the northern shoveler. Packets will be sent out to the art community. Competition will be held on the Wednesday before the November Commission Meeting.

Chairman Gattle reminded all a packet on the **Nuisance Deer Policy (Information Only)** was given to the Commissioners at the last meeting. He then asked Mr. Larry Savage to come forward and

highlight this program. Mr. Savage explained the history of deer management in Louisiana. The policy will standardize the approach to nuisance deer complaints. Wildlife Division's staff has worked together with Enforcement on the policy. Commissioner Busbice asked if this policy was for problems like the City of Ruston was experiencing? Mr. Savage stated these type problems and other urban deer problems will be big problems in the future. He then explained the four complaint categories with the different levels of technical assistance in each category. All of the complaints will be documented in the future and an attempt will be made to standardize the approach. Then a report will be prepared at the end of the year. Commissioner Busbice asked if a problem develops, can a person get tags to remove deer out of season? Mr. Savage answered no. It would only be considered an option after a landowner has gone through all of the steps and utilized every technique possible. Policy III, the backbone of the policy, was explained by Mr. Savage. Chairman Gattle asked if a landowner has a lot of crop depredation, would such a situation be handled on a case by case basis? Mr. Savage stated it was handled differently in the different parts of the State. Commissioner Busbice asked how was the deer situation handled at the DeRidder airport? Commissioner Carver asked about a rural area with an orchard where deer are destroying the crops and its not sufficient to issue DMAP tags, will there be any way a person can get help? Mr. Savage suggested Option 4 may help. Commissioner Carver asked about the phrase, "where hunting is not permitted" in that Option? He added that issuing tags and deer hunting is not sufficient in keeping the deer out of the orchard. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated this policy was not perfect and they were trying to address a statewide problem. The policy is designed so hunters can not take nuisance deer during a closed season. If this policy does not work, the staff may be back before the Commission recommending changes. Then to Commissioner Carver, Mr. Prickett suggested additional tags may be issued to reduce the herd to take care of the situation he spoke on. Commissioner Busbice commented the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has been sued for crop damage and has to reimburse the landowner.

Mr. Randy Pausina handled the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent - 2000 Commercial King Mackerel Season and Trip Limit**. The trip limit is for compatible regulations for State and Federal waters. The Declaration of Emergency announces the commercial king mackerel season will open July 1, 2000 and also sets a 3,000 pound possession limit per trip. Also Mr. Pausina requested authority be given to the Secretary to close the season

when the quota has been met. The Notice of Intent would establish the 3,000 pound possession limit as a permanent rule. Chairman Gattle asked if the Notice of Intent would change the amount that can be caught? Mr. Pausina answered yes. Chairman Gattle asked if there is a quota for king mackerel and was it divided among recreational and commercial? Mr. Pausina stated there is only a commercial quota. Commissioner Delacroix asked if the trip limit was a reduction or an increase? Mr. Pausina stated there is no trip limit now. Commissioner Stone asked if this was just to be consistent with Federal regulations? Mr. Pausina answered yes. Mr. John Roussel stated annually a total allowable catch was set and then an allocation was given to the recreational sector and the commercial sector. The allocation for commercial fishermen is then converted into a quota and once it is reached, you stop fishing. On the recreational side, a bag limit is set to keep those fishermen within their allocation. Chairman Gattle asked for public comments and none were heard. He then asked Mr. Pausina to read the last paragraph on both Resolutions. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting both Resolutions. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolutions, Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2000 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON and POSSESSION LIMIT

June 1, 2000

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, LDWF has received a request from NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, and

WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2000 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters will open on July 1, 2000, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2000 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the possession limit for the harvest of commercial king mackerel shall be 3,000 pounds per trip, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by NMFS that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon, July 1, 2001, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 commercial king mackerel season and possession limit in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season and trip limit for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon, July 1, 2000 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; there will be a possession limit of 3,000 pounds.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon, July 1, 2001, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of king mackerel by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell king mackerel. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained. Those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL TRIP LIMIT

June 1, 2000

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, LDWF has received a request from NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, and

WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set possession limits for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations concerning the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana waters by establishing a 3,000 pound trip limit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.327, establishing a commercial trip limit of 3,000 pounds for king mackerel. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§327. Daily Take and Possession Limits of King Mackerel, and Spanish Mackerel, and Cobia

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E. Commercial king mackerel:

1. No person shall take, harvest, land or possess aboard a harvesting vessel king mackerel in excess of a recreational bag limit unless that person is in possession and has in his immediate possession a valid commercial fishing license, commercial gear licenses (if applicable) and a valid commercial vessel license. Persons taking, harvesting, landing, possessing or selling or attempting to sell king mackerel taken in or from the EEZ shall be in possession of a valid federal permit for Gulf King Mackerel issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The holder of such valid commercial licenses or federal permits (if applicable) shall not take, possess, land, sell, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to take, sell, barter, trade or exchange king mackerel, whole or eviscerated, in excess of 3,000 pounds at any time.

2. No person aboard any vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of king mackerel between vessels on state or federal waters.

3. Persons possessing king mackerel for commercial purposes shall not possess a recreational bag limit in addition to the 3,000 pound limitations as required herein.

4. No person shall sell, purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, purchase, barter, trade or exchange king mackerel, whole or eviscerated, in excess of 3,000 pounds. Except that such limitation shall not apply to the resale of king mackerel by a validly licensed Wholesale/Retail Seafood dealer who purchased such king mackerel in compliance with the regulations and requirements of this section and in compliance with other requirements of law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325.1, and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:868 (October 1989), amended LR 17:207 (February 1991), LR 19:513 (April 1993), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 4, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Notices of Intent - Removal of Monthly Reporting Requirement for: Black Drum Over 27 Inches, Striped Mullet, Florida Pompano, Spotted Seatrout, and Commercial Fish Traversing Permit were

handled by Mr. Randy Pausina. The Legislature passed a law allowing the Department to remove this monthly reporting requirement since the trip ticket program will capture the same data more efficiently. This action will also eliminate the need for a black drum permit.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if spotted seatrout is the same as speckled trout? Chairman Gattle stated yes.

Mr. Pete Gericca, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, agreed with removing the requirement since he felt the trip tickets were working. Commissioner Delacroix stated the forms for the permits to fish requires a lot of double paperwork. He added he feels this was a good move and it would help the fishermen.

Chairman Gattle passed on reading the Resolution and asked for a motion. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Busbice. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notices of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

MONTHLY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, SPECIAL PERMITS

JUNE 1, 2000

WHEREAS, special permit holders for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, Florida pompano, striped mullet, spotted seatrout, and holders of traversing permits are required to submit a report to the Department no later than 10 days following the last day of each month including total catch, effort, and other parameters which may be required by the department, and

WHEREAS, adoption of Act 130, Commercial Reporting Requirements of the 2000 1st Extraordinary Legislative Session, specifically R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6, allows the Department to capture the same information required in the monthly report more efficiently, thus making the existing monthly report redundant, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) provides that the Department shall have the authority to remove this requirement by rule, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, with the objective of sound management,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate notices of intent to remove the monthly reporting requirement of special permit holders for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, Florida pompano, striped mullet, spotted seatrout, and holders of traversing permits and remove the permit requirement for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copies of the notices of intent and proposed rules are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these rules shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these notices of intent and the final rules, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notices of intent and final rules and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.331, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length. Authority for adoption of this Rule

is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§331. Black Drum Size Limits, Daily Take, Possession Limits, and Quotas and ~~Special Permit Requirements~~

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3. The maximum legal size for the recreational or commercial taking of black drum shall be 27 inches total length; provided however that recreational fishermen shall be allowed to take and possess no more than one black drum per day over 27 inches. It is provided further that commercial harvesters using legal gear fishermen, when in possession of a "Special Black Drum Permit", shall be allowed to take and possess and sell black drum over 27 inches in unlimited quantities until the annual quota has been met in compliance with all other rules and regulations.

4. The annual commercial quota for 16 to 27 inch black drum shall be 3,250,000 pounds.

5. The annual commercial quota for black drum over 27 inches shall be 300,000 fish.

6. The fishing year for black drum shall begin on September 1, 1990 and every September 1st thereafter.

~~7. A "Special Black Drum Permit" shall be annually required for persons commercially taking black drum over 27 inches and each "Special Black Drum Permit" holder shall on or before the tenth of each month make a return to the department on forms provided or approved for the purpose, the number of black drum over 27 inches taken commercially during the preceding month.~~

87. Once the black drum commercial quota(s) has been met, the purchase, barter, trade or sale of black drum taken in Louisiana after the closure is prohibited. The commercial taking

or landing of black drum in Louisiana, whether caught within or without the territorial waters of Louisiana after the closure is prohibited. Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to prohibit the possession of fish legally taken prior to the closure order.

98. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall, by public notice, close the commercial fishery(s) for black drum when the quota(s) has been met or is projected to be met. The closure shall not take effect for at least 72 hours after notice to public.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with, R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:698 (August 1990), LR.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.343, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of striped mullet. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§343. Rules for Harvest of Mullet

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E. Permits

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4. Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially take mullet and shall be forever barred from receiving any permit or license to commercially take mullet.

~~5. Each Mullet Permit holder shall, on or before the 10th of each month of the open season, submit an information return to the department on forms provided or approved for this purpose, including the pounds of mullet taken commercially during the preceding month, and the commercial dealers to whom these were sold. Monthly reports shall be filed, even if catch or effort is zero.~~

F. General Provisions. Effective with the closure of the commercial season for mullet, there shall be a prohibition of the commercial take from Louisiana waters, and the possession of mullet on the waters of the state with commercial gear in possession. Nothing shall prohibit the possession, sale, barter or exchange off the water of mullet legally taken during any open period provided that those who are required to do so shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.4 and R.S. 56:345 and be properly licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303 or R.S. 56:306.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325.1, R.S. 56:333 and Act 1316 of the 1995 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:333.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:1420 (December 1992) amended LR 21:37 (January 1995), LR 22:236 (March 1996), LR 24:359 (February 1998), LR_____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.703, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of Florida pompano. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§703. Pompano Permits

A. Harvest Regulations

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~~3. The bearer of a permit shall report monthly the catch and effort under the permit, even when catch or effort is zero. This report shall contain total catch, effort, and other parameters which may be required by the department. A report shall be received by the department no later than 10 days following the last day of each month.~~

43. When operating under the conditions of a permit, only pompano can be retained. All other species shall be immediately returned to waters from which they were caught. No other fish may be in the possession of the permittee and all fish on board the permitted vessel shall have the head and caudal fin (tail) intact.

54. The permittee shall have the permit in possession at all times when using permitted gear or harvesting permitted specie(s). Permit holder shall be on board permitted vessel when operating under conditions of permit. No permit is transferrable without written permission from the department secretary.

65. When permitted gear is on board permitted vessel or in possession of permittee, permittee and vessel are assumed to be operating under conditions of the permit. No gear other than permitted gear may be on board or in possession of permittee.

76. Any violation of the conditions of the permit shall result in the immediate suspension of the permit, and may result in the permanent revocation of the permit.

87. For permitting purposes, a pompano net shall be defined as a pompano strike net not exceeding 2400' in length and not smaller than 2-1/2" bar or 5" stretched mesh, that is not anchored or secured to the water bottom and that is actively worked

while being used. A pompano net shall not be constructed of monofilament.

98. The permitted boat used in the program shall have a distinguishing sign so that it may be identified. The sign shall have the operator's permit number printed on it in at least eight-inch high letters on a contrasting background so as to be visible from low flying aircraft or from any other vessel in the immediate vicinity.

100. Pompano strike nets may be used during the period from August 1 through October 31 of each year in waters in excess of seven feet in depth and beyond 2,500 feet from land (excluding islands) within the Chandeleur and Breton Sound area described in R.S. 56:406(A)(2).

101. No person shall fish under this permit during the hours after sunset and before sunrise. No person shall fish under this permit on Saturday or Sunday of any week during the open season, or on Labor Day.

112. Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the Department which states the name, address, and social security number of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take pompano. The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.

123. The department reserves the right to observe the operations taking place under the permit at any time and permittee shall be required to provide food and lodging on the permitted vessel for an observer at the request of the department.

134. All permittees shall notify the department prior to leaving port to fish under permitted conditions and immediately upon returning from permitted trip. The department shall be notified by calling a designated phone number.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:406A(3).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 12:119 (February 1986), amended LR 12:846 (December 1986), amended by the

Office of Fisheries, LR 16:322 (April 1990), LR 22:859 (September 1996), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.341, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§341. Spotted Seatrout Management Measures

A. Commercial Season; Quota; Permits

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4. d. Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially take spotted seatrout and shall be forever barred from receiving any permit or license to commercially take spotted seatrout.

~~5. Each Spotted Seatrout Permit holder shall, on or before the 10th of each month of the open season, submit an information return to the department on forms provided or approved for this purpose, including the pounds of spotted seatrout taken commercially during the preceding month, and the commercial dealers to whom these were sold, if sold. Monthly reports shall be filed, even if catch or effort is zero.~~

B. Commercial Taking of Spotted Seatrout Using Mullet Strike Nets, Seasons

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act Number 157 of the 1991 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, R.S. 56:6(25)(a); R.S. 56:325.3; R.S. 56:326.3; and Act 1316 of the 1995 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:325.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR 22:238 (March 1996), LR 24:360 (February 1998), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.403, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for traversing permit holders. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§403. Traversing Permit

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H. Permittees will be required to abide by the following conditions:

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~~3. The permittee shall report monthly the catch and effort under the permit, even when catch and effort is zero. This report shall contain total catch, total effort, and any other parameters which may be required by the Department. The report~~

~~shall be filed with the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries no later than 30 days following the last day of each month.~~

34. When permitted gear is on board the permitted vessel or in possession of the permittee, the permittee and the vessel are assumed to be operating under authority of the permit. No gear other than gear allowed under the Traversing Permit may be on board the vessel or in possession of the permittee.

45. The vessel authorized for use under the Traversing Permit shall have distinguishing signs so that it may be identified as such. The signs shall have the letters "EEZ" and assigned numbers printed on them in at least 10-inch high letters and numbers on a contrasting background in block style so as to be visible and legible from low-flying aircraft and from any vessel in the immediate vicinity. The assigned numbers shall be situated on both sides and on top of the vessel.

56. The Department reserves the right to observe the operations taking place under the Traversing Permit and, at its request, the Department may assign aboard any permitted vessel an enforcement agent as an observer.

67. All permittees shall notify the Department four hours prior to leaving port to traverse or fish under the conditions of the Traversing Permit and immediately upon returning from the permitted trip. The Department shall be notified by calling a designated phone number.

78. The permittee must report to the Department the name of the buyer who will purchase the fish product obtained under the Traversing Permit. This information shall be provided at the time that permittee notifies the Department of his return.

89. When quotas have been met or seasons have been closed, no fish affected by such quotas or seasons may be possessed on board a vessel while having commercial gear on board traveling state waters.

910. Any violation of the conditions of the Traversing Permit and any violation of any fisheries regulation shall be punishable as defined by R.S. 56:320.2.D.(1) in accordance with Act 1316 of the 1995 Legislature.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:305.B, and R.S. 56:320.2.E.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:240 (March 1996), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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Chairman

Discussion of Nighttime Trawling and Double Rigs for White Shrimp in Lake Pontchartrain began with Commissioner Delacroix stating in the early 1960's, a decent living could be made trawling for white shrimp because there was no pressure on the shrimp at night. But with the advent of double rigs, skimmers and wing nets, the white shrimp have been beaten up from trawling at night. The specie needs time to rest and if they are worked both day and night, you risk losing your recruitment for the future season. He has seen Lake Borgne with 547 double rig boats in it and added this area is not big enough to handle all of those boats. The closure on nighttime shrimping has worked for the fishermen in the western part of the state. Commissioner Delacroix felt the shrimpers should regulate themselves. Mr. John Roussel stated the Commission does have the authority to prohibit an activity at night, but no authority with respect to gear. If an area would be closed at night, everyone would be shut down, commented Mr. Roussel. But if the Commission wanted to pursue a restriction on a specific type

gear, the Department could draft some legislation. Mr. Roussel reminded the Commissioners they would be setting the fall shrimp season dates at their August Meeting. He suggested holding a public hearing in the Lake Pontchartrain area to get input from the industry prior to the August Meeting. Commissioner Kelly stated the benefits from closing the Atchafalaya River to the west side of Vermilion Bay to nighttime shrimping has far outweighed the shortcomings. The only exception to the closure is butterfly fishermen can shrimp Southwest Pass at night. He agreed that shrimp needs to be allowed to recruit and fishermen should not keep the pressure constant on them. If industry does not want to regulate themselves, Commissioner Kelly felt the Commission should do what was best for the people in Louisiana. Commissioner Delacroix stated another issue was the crab traps. When a shrimper is working at night, they can not see where a crab trap was in order to put it back. Another problem is the skimmer boats working the ponds which does not allow the shrimp any place to grow. Again, Commissioner Delacroix felt the Department and Commission should regulate the people if they could not regulate themselves. Other issues of concern was the small shrimp, the over 100 count on the white shrimp and the possibility of regulating the big boats. Commissioner Stone felt the weakness in the shrimp industry has been a lack of representation and organization. He felt a shrimpers organization could be one of the strongest groups in the entire state if they would agree and work together. Chairman Gattle felt there has been a lot of issues discussed, but felt the suggestion of a public hearing in the Lake Pontchartrain area was a good idea. He added that, if the Commission did take action, it could not specify a gear, it would have to be nighttime versus daytime on all gear. Commissioner Delacroix asked if gear is restricted, would shrimpers be allowed to use butterfly nets at night? Mr. Roussel answered no, whatever area was defined would be closed for all gear. Commissioner Delacroix assured the intent of this was not to take away from anyone or hurt anyone's feelings.

Mr. Ellis Schouest, a shrimper from the Vermilion Bay area, stated the only problem he sees with the night closure was leaving the smaller inland body waters adjacent to the bigger waters open to night skimming or butterfly. He added he does not see how the nighttime closure helps when all of the shrimp are in the little duck ponds and they can not get to the larger bodies of water. He suggested, if a new law is written, specify the whole body of water. Mr. Roussel stated the Vermilion Bay night closure was done by the Legislature. Then he reminded the Commissioners the Department delivered a report to them on shrimp that touched on all

of the issues brought up by Commissioners Delacroix and Kelly. Mr. Roussel welcomed the opportunity to revisit that report and get back involved in the issues. Commissioner Busbice asked what happened with the report? Mr. Roussel stated the Legislature implemented some of the recommendations, but the Commission did not take any specific action. Chairman Gattle felt a Committee Meeting prior to the next regular Commission Meeting should be held to review those recommendations. He also told Mr. Roussel to proceed with the public hearing.

Mr. Jessie Jenkins, a shrimper in the Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Borgne area, stated that report Mr. Roussel referred to has a lot of good ideas. If restrictions are placed on fishermen, there will be an influx of boats in the cuts. He added he would like to see open Committee meetings and open public hearings on the south and north shore of Lake Pontchartrain. Mr. Jenkins told Commissioner Stone there is no way to get shrimpers together.

Mr. Pete Gerica, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association and Louisiana Management Council, agreed that getting the shrimpers together is a great idea, but it will not happen. He then stated he would agree to try a pilot program on closing night shrimping and going to a 68 or 70 count shrimp. He felt if baby steps are taken that does not affect a whole area and it proved to be successful, then the fishermen may agree to a change. Commissioner Delacroix stated he had no problem with Mr. Gerica's suggestion. Mr. Gerica agreed a public hearing may work as long as a central location was found.

Mr. Steve Drury stated he is a commercial fisherman that uses a double rig. He stated closing just Lake Pontchartrain would not be beneficial, nighttime shrimping needs to be closed in Lake Borgne or even the entire Zone 1 area. Mr. Drury stated the skimmers are beginning to ruin the shrimp crop for the next year. He suggested stopping the skimmer boats from getting into the marshes and taking the shrimp before they have a chance to leave.

A Youth Hunter Education Challenge Report was given by Mr. Jonathan Glasscock. The Department recently finished the 15th Annual Youth Hunter Education Challenge. The Challenge consists of 8 individual events with each event scoring a high of 300 points. There are 4 shooting events and 4 non-shooting events. Mr. Glasscock commented Louisiana is recognized nationwide for the Challenge, with there being 7 National Championship Teams since 1992 and 6 individual high overall National Champions in the last

8 years. Attending the meeting were members of the Caddo-Bossier Youth Shooting Club. All of the National teams came from a club started by Mr. Ed Tuggle. Mr. Tristan Larson, head coach of the Caddo-Bossier team, introduced the members. The team will go to Pennsylvania at the end of July and hopefully will take first place. Mr. Larson thanked Mr. Tuggle for putting the club together. He then introduced the other coaches and noted each are certified hunter education instructors. Chairman Gattle thanked and congratulated the team for the good job they have done in representing Louisiana. Mr. Glasscock stated this team was the team to beat at the Nationals in Pennsylvania.

The **Review of Wood Duck Video** was deferred to the next meeting by the Chairman. Ms. Marianne Burke suggested viewing the whole video rather than a 2 to 3 minute segment.

Chairman Gattle deferred on the **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for May**. Major Brian Spillman stated there was a lot of activity during the month from the boating industry and commercial fishing. If anyone should have any questions, they would address them at the July meeting.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **October 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, October 5, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Commissioner Kelly stated a group of fishermen from the Cypremort Point-Vermilion Bay area came to the meeting to talk about crab trap encroachment. He then stated it is hard at times to trawl without encountering numerous crab traps. There is a program now that fishermen can identify whether a trap is serviceable or non-serviceable. The real issue is with the number of crab traps and the placement of them in the channels and the areas where fishermen have fished for years.

Mr. Allen Trahan, a double rig shrimper, stated he can not make any passes without catching traps. He suggested maybe limiting the number of crab traps in the bays, but felt there was no way to enforce that regulation. He then suggested putting a season on the crab fishermen. Mr. Trahan was glad the nighttime trawling was closed in his area. He asked why not allow the crab fishermen the opportunity to fish when the shrimp season is closed. Also he asked why is there not a limit on the number of crab traps

a fishermen can use and why does that fisherman need 1,500 traps set in order to make a living.

Mr. Ellis Schouest, a single rig shrimper from Vermilion, stated the reason they were at the meeting was because of the crab traps in Vermilion Bay. He knows he can make a living in Vermilion Bay shrimping, but the crab traps are putting them out of business. There is no body of water where the traps are not on top of each other. Mr. Schouest asked the Commission to give the shrimpers time to make a living and not be put out of business. A letter given to each Commissioner was just suggestions on sharing the waterbodies. Commissioner Busbice asked if rebar material was being used on the frames and does the Commission have the authority to regulate the type of material used in manufacturing the traps? Mr. Roussel answered no, gear was restricted to the Legislature. Commissioner Busbice felt the Commission may make a recommendation on using rebar material to the Legislature. Then Commissioner Busbice asked if the Commission could limit the number of traps per fisherman? Mr. Roussel stated that would require legislation. Commissioner Stone asked if a season could be established for an area and was it feasible? Mr. Roussel answered yes to both questions. Mr. Schouest stated designating an area for a season would not work for him or the crabbers because both species move. He again suggested setting a closed crab season for three or four weeks before each shrimp season opens. Chairman Gattle asked if the purpose of having a season was to make the fishermen remove their traps from the water during the closed period? Mr. Schouest answered yes. Commissioner Stone stated someone needs to stand up and save the estuary.

Commissioner Kelly stated the Legislators from the area needs to be confronted with the issues by the shrimpers. He suggested the more people that talk to them about the problems, the better chance they may do something.

An Unidentified Speaker who is a commercial shrimper from Cypremort Point asked if Enforcement agents could go out into an area and ask the crab fishermen to thin out their traps so the shrimpers can make a living? Chairman Gattle stated the agents has no authority in that situation. Mr. Don Puckett read from Title 56 on the responsibility of the crab fishermen in where they place their traps. Commissioner Stone stated that would be hard to enforce.

Ms. Marianne Burke commented, with the use of guns in violence, the instructors and youth from the YHEC group was setting a great example on the proper use of guns not only for Louisiana but the Nation as well.

Commissioner Kelly thanked the fishermen for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, Commissioner McCall made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Delacroix.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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Dog hunters hit hard again

Ever heard of a saluki?

No, not the Salukis, Southern Illinois, Carbondale, Ill.

It's a dog, maybe the oldest pure breed in the world. In the Middle East about 5,000 years ago, the saluki was the first dog used by man for hunting.

It's not the first canine man used to find food. There is evidence tribes would follow wild dogs and wait for the pack to make a kill. Then tribal man would run off the dogs and take the animal for the nourishment of his clan.

The saluki is considered to be the first breed tamed to hunt animals -- animals man could eat. The "sport" of using hunting dogs came later.

Salukis are known in the Middle East as "gazelle dogs." Yep, this breed hunted hoofed animals. Records and pictographs indicate salukis were used with falcons to locate and down gazelles. The salukis would hold the deer-like animals until the human handlers could reach the site.

Last year in Louisiana, thousands of deer hunters did the same thing. No the dogs weren't salukis, nor Afghans, nor greyhounds, nor Pharaoh hounds, species that were in hunting kennels in the civilized world long before the Israelites left Egypt.

Louisiana hunters used Walker hounds, blue-tick hounds, American foxhounds or beagles, and they used them with the same results as did their ancestors. They took deer in front of the hounds.

The point, obviously, is that hunting with dogs is one of man's oldest, still-surviving hunting methods, one that lots of Louisiana hunters enjoy to this day.

Maybe that's why some folks want hunting deer with dogs to die. It's old.

At Thursday's Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting, the WFC voted 5-2 to remove 38,000 more acres of Washington Parish from the dog hunters domain.

Why?

It's simple, really. Thousands of years ago, there was lots of land on which to run hunt-chase dogs. That was true even decades ago in Louisiana. My grandfather-in-law, L.A. Bergeron, God rest his soul, talked for hours about hunting McElroy and L&N swamps with dogs. There were thousands of acres in lower Ascension, Livingston and St. James parishes. There still is.

But in upland areas, places where folks could farm and raise cattle, the land wasn't nearly as rugged as the swamps. Over the years, as pioneers' land was divided by their heirs, the big tracts were broken into smaller and smaller parcels. As these parcels were sold off, folks unaccustomed to the sport settled in and built homes.

In many cases, the dog hunters didn't change with the times. They kept running dogs in areas where their fathers and grandfathers had practiced the sport. Lots of these new landowners didn't cotton to that kind of activity. Some folks said they were afraid to go out of their homes during the dog season for fear they would be shot.

There were lots of other problems, mostly caused by groups who defied trespass laws in the name of "hunting."

With these two groups butting heads, the commission made thousands of acres of Louisiana still-hunt only areas.

Same thing's happened in Washington Parish the last three years. Small-acreage landowners objected to the dogs running across their land. Several testified Thursday that their objections led to dog hunters waiting until they left for work to release dogs on their lands.

In most cases, the violations of this sport involved outlaws, who thumbed their noses at trespassing laws.

Sheriffs departments, fearing the loss of votes, failed to make arrests, and when they did, districts attorneys, fearing the same thing, didn't prosecute, and when the DAs did, judges, fearing the same thing, wouldn't hear the cases.

So the decision has fallen square in the lap of the commission.

That's a shame, because when push has come to shove, the commission, knowing how much the dog-hunting season has been reduced over the last 20 years, continues to cripple folks who like this long-standing sport.

Let's hope this slide in days and acreage stopped with last Thursday's vote. Somehow I don't believe it will.

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Outdoors Notebook

Nuisance-deer policy studied

By Advocate staff report

In addition to the 5-2 vote to make 38,000 acres in Washington Parish a still hunt only area for deer in the 2000-2001 hunting season, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission learned about the Wildlife and Fisheries Department's first steps toward a policy on nuisance deer in the state.

With the deer population swelling to more than 1 million, state wildlife biologists have been fielding complaints about nuisance deer for the past five years.

Biologist Larry Savage's report to the commission chronicled the first stories of deer predation and movement into populated areas and unabated intrusions into sensitive places like airports.

Savage said the state has not officially documented a nuisance deer problem, but changes are needed as incidents of man encroaching into deer populated areas increase and the state's deer herd grows.

"We're going to start this process to further develop policies and procedures to determine how big a nuisance deer problem we have," Savage said.

The first outline is a multi-step approach to controlling deer in isolated areas. One of the last resorts Savage outlined is using hunters or hiring out on contract to rid an area of deer.

Other approaches included fencing and removing food sources.

Commission chairman Tom Gattle indicated a review of the program will be continued at future meeting.

Other LWFC action included

* Posted a Notice of Intent to do away with the monthly reporting requirements for commercial fishermen for four species. The newly required trip ticket system for reporting commercial catches has made the monthly reports a duplication of effort for the fishermen.

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voted in an emergency declaration for July 1 opening of the commercial king mackerel season in state waters and a 3 000 pound per trip limit on the species

* Discussed limiting the Lake Pontchartrain area to daytime only trawling Warren Delacroix who came on the commission in January raised the question of a nighttime ban on trawling to as he said give the shrimp a chance to rest and grow and be able to move throughout the system fed by Pontchartrain's expanse

* Heard that agents issued 1 814 citations in May among them 703 written and 78 warnings for fishing without licenses

* Set Oct 5 as its meeting date for that month

More king mackerel permits

The Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council has proposed to extend the moratorium on issuing new commercial permits for the taking of king mackerel through October 2005

That date is subject to an implementation of any program that would limit the number of licenses issues or a plan that limited access to fishermen or a program that would include individual transferable quotas The latter three methods would limit the number of fishermen with permits to take king mackerel in the gulf

Mississippi shrimp season opens

Louisiana catch of brown shrimp looks to be at or near the solid catch made in 1999 and much better than Mississippi's season which opened Thursday

According to the Associated Press Mississippi shrimp program coordinator Joe Jewell said sampling shows an average of 68 shrimp per pound which should make for an average season Jewell said the lack of rain in the area is good for shrimp growth but could be bad for commercial shrimpers because rain is needed to force shrimp from the bays and bayous where they nest

The problem is that we've had no rain to wash them down he said It's hard to make predictions because too much rain could cause them to go too far out and then no one could catch them

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, June 1, 2000
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Tom Gattle (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	___
Tom Kelly	<u>✓</u>	___
Bill Busbice	<u>✓</u>	___
Glynn Carver	<u>✓</u>	___
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	___
Warren Delacroix	<u>✓</u>	___
Jerry Stone	<u>✓</u>	___

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.

Asst. Secretary ^{*Sawman*} ~~Jenkins~~ is also present.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LA

June 1, 2000

10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2000
3. Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2000
4. Public Comments - 2000-2001 Hunting Seasons & Regulations
5. Announce Species for 2001 Duck Stamp - Dave Morrison
6. Nuisance Deer Policy (Information Only) - Larry Savage
7. Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent - 2000 Commercial King Mackerel Season and Trip Limit - Randy Pausina
8. Notices of Intent - Removal of Monthly Reporting Requirement for: (Randy Pausina)
 - a. Black Drum Over 27 Inches
 - b. Striped Mullet
 - c. Florida Pompano
 - d. Spotted Seatrout
 - e. Commercial Fish Traversing Permit
9. Discussion of Nighttime Trawling and Double Rigs for White Shrimp in Lake Pontchartrain - Warren Delacroix
10. Youth Hunter Education Challenge Report - Jonathan Glasscock
11. Review of Woodduck Video
12. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/May - Keith LaCaze
13. Set October 2000 Meeting Date
14. Public Comments
15. Adjournment

LDWF NUISANCE DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Purpose

LDWF is developing customer service standards and establishing clearly stated written policies and procedures to deliver effective, efficient and responsive customer service of the highest quality to the citizens of Louisiana.

The purpose of the Nuisance Deer Policy is to develop standard regulations for the management of nuisance deer including details for non-lethal and lethal population control, taking, possessing, transporting, and disposition of problem deer. It will provide the mechanisms that could maintain deer populations at levels that are ecologically compatible with the state's habitat and levels that ensure compatibility with human land uses. Nuisance deer are those determined to be causing damage to property or are a risk to human health or safety.

Authority

Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes gives the responsibility for regulation and management of free-ranging white-tailed deer to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. However the State of Louisiana, LWFC, and LDWF are not liable for any damages to property or human health due to white-tailed deer.

Nuisance Deer Management Policy and Procedure

Policy & Procedure I - Documentation and Response to Nuisance Deer Complaints

Wildlife and Enforcement Division personnel at each Regional office will record all nuisance deer calls and personal complaints on Deer Complainant Log forms (see Appendix A). A wildlife biologist or enforcement agent will provide timely response as dictated by the situation. The Wildlife Division will be responsible for non-emergency situations; the Enforcement Division will respond to or assist with emergency complaints

A. Nuisance Deer Complaint Procedure

1. Complainants with nuisance deer problem contact LDWF.
2. LDWF personnel will initiate a Nuisance Deer Complaint Log and forward it to a wildlife biologist or enforcement agent as dictated by the situation.
3. This person contacts complainant and completes the Nuisance Deer Complaint Log form. The completed form will be forwarded to the Deer Program.
4. If necessary, Wildlife Division personnel will meet with the complainant or his representative on site within five working days to evaluate the damage.

5. The landowner or authorized lessee will be provided with the appropriate recommendations and technical assistance to help resolve the problem (see Appendix B).

B. Nuisance Deer Complaint Categories

1. Category I - Complaints concerning non-commercial gardens and orchards. Recommendations on damage abatement and population control measures as well as education material on the proper installation and maintenance of these practices will be provided to the complainant.

2. Category II - Landowners or authorized lessees with documented deer damage to commercial crops. Complainants will be required to obtain an estimate of crop damage from the LSU Extension Service or other certified agricultural consultants. Deer Complaint Log forms will be forwarded to the Deer Program for development of a Nuisance Deer Management Plan (see Appendix C).

3. Category III - Nuisance complaints from cities, residential communities, other non-hunting areas such as parks, reservations, etc. These complaints will be forwarded to the Deer Program for development of a Deer Population Control Plan (see Appendix D).

4. Category IV - This category concerns immediate threats to human welfare such as airports. These complaints will be resolved as soon as possible with the appropriate action.

C. Nuisance Deer Complaint Log Form (Appendix A). Personnel handling deer complaint will complete the Deer Complaint Log for all nuisance deer calls and forward them to the Deer Program. An annual report identifying trends in the location of deer damage and type of property damage will be compiled. Recommendations for appropriate adjustments in hunting season regulations and to improve and focus technical assistance procedures on target crops will be made.

Policy & Procedure II - Technical Assistance

An important aspect of this policy is to provide consistent, responsive technical assistance to deer damage complainants. The LDWF Wildlife Division personnel will serve in an extension capacity by providing technical assistance services.

A. LDWF Responsibility

1. Field evaluation of damage with the complainant.
2. Recommendations on proven management alternatives for deer damage abatement and deer population control. Includes Categories I, II, and III complaints.
3. Procedures for implementing and conducting nuisance deer removal and population control programs. Includes Categories III and IV complaints.

4. Assistance with developing a Nuisance Deer Management Plan and Deer Population Control Management Plan. Includes Categories II and III.

B. Landowner Responsibility

1. Complainants with commercial agricultural activities are responsible for documenting the economic loss and extent of deer damage (see section C for procedure).

2. Complainants must take partial responsibility for managing problem deer by making a serious effort to apply non-lethal techniques recommended by LDWF and lethal control measures provided by law, such as hunting, to alleviate the problem.

3. Complainants must prepare and submit the Nuisance Deer Management Plan or Deer Population Control Plan for LDWF approval in order to be eligible for participation in special hunting season programs or urban removal programs.

4. Complainants are responsible for all costs incurred in the application of Nuisance deer abatement and deer population control measures.

C. Documentation of Deer Damage to Commercial Agriculture. Written documentation of the economic loss caused by deer damage to commercial agricultural activities is a mandatory part of the development of a Nuisance Deer Management Plan and issuance of Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags for the hunting season.

1. Procedure:

a. LDWF personnel direct complainant to obtain written documentation of damage.

b. Landowner contacts LSU Extension Service county agent in the parish of damage or a certified agricultural consultant to develop a written estimate of the loss resulting from deer damage. The report should also include a brief history of past and possible future damage expected on this property as well as past and present damage control measures that have been used by the landowner.

c. The damage report is submitted to LDWF and becomes a part of the complainant's file.

Nuisance Deer Management Plan (NDMP, see Appendix C) - A brief outline plan describing population control and abatement methods to be used in alleviating deer damage to commercial agriculture. This plan is developed by the landowner with assistance from LDWF biologists. A LDWF approved NDMP is required for receiving Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags for the hunting season.

Deer Population Control Plan (DPCP, see Appendix D) - A detailed plan containing the methods,

timetable, and follow-up evaluation procedures to be used for the long term control of a nuisance deer herd in urban/suburban settings. This plan is prepared by the governmental agency requesting LDWF assistance and must contain information specified by LDWF. A DPCP must be approved by LDWF for participation in special hunts and before nuisance deer are removed.

Policy & Procedure III - Deer Harvest and Removal Opportunities

The harvest of either-sex deer under LDWF hunting regulations is the most efficient and cost effective method to regulate deer populations. Regulated either-sex hunting is the primary tool used by LDWF to provide adequate deer population control on a statewide basis.

A. Harvest and Removal Options

1. Option 1 - State Deer Season Framework. Either-sex hunting with modern firearms is the only realistic means of efficiently controlling deer numbers over large areas. In areas experiencing annual deer damage, more either-sex seasons on an area or parish-wide basis will be established to help balance the deer population with the prevailing habitat conditions.

2. Option 2 - Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP, 500 acres minimum requirement for enrollment). DMAP is a site-specific program that increases deer management options for participating cooperators by allowing a more flexible harvest of antlerless deer than state regulations. It has proven to be an effective tool in managing local deer populations. Wildlife Division Biologists are authorized to issue DMAP tags in excess of the rate normally issued for that area or habitat if the DMAP cooperator is located in or adjacent to areas of documented deer damage. This practice will facilitate the reduction of problem deer herds utilizing legal hunting.

3. Option 3 - Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags (less than 500 acres). This is a program to provide assistance with the control of documented commercial crop depredation by deer. This program is designed to address chronic localized damage that is not being controlled by other population control or damage abatement practices. It is designed for those landowners or authorized lessees with less than 500 acres who do not qualify for DMAP and whose income is dependent upon commercial agriculture. These landowners or lessees will be issued Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags that will be used during the regular deer season. The landowners or lessees apply through Deer Program personnel for participation in this program.

4. Option 4 - Nuisance Deer Removal - Closed Season. Removal of nuisance deer will occur when individual animals or small groups of deer are causing excessive documented damage or are an imminent threat to public safety in urban areas or areas where hunting is not permitted. The removal is for the short-term control of localized ongoing damage and not for long-term population control. Deer removal will be conducted only by LDWF or professional contractors permitted by LDWF. Such contractors will be issued Nuisance Deer Removal Permits (Appendix E) for this activity.

Policy & Procedure IV - Deer population control for cities, residential communities, and other non-

hunting areas such as airports, parks, reservations, etc. (Urban Deer Management Program)

Regulated hunting may present problems for metropolitan and urban areas that often have restrictions regarding firearms and their use within such areas. Hunting during the open deer season may not be an acceptable option on some corporate or government properties because of safety, liability and public relations issues. Management of deer populations within these areas cannot be implemented without the consent and cooperation of controlling agencies and landowners.

A. Procedure for Urban Deer Complaints:

1. Complainant contacts LDWF about existing or potential problems.
2. Deer Complaint Log form is routed from Regional Office to the Deer Program.
3. LDWF provides on-site evaluation of the problem with an official representative.
4. LDWF recommends that a committee or task force be established by the complainant to identify population control options that are supported by the public and are effective for their particular situation. LDWF will provide technical assistance on appropriate deer management strategies.
5. The complainant, working with a wildlife consultant, develops the Deer Population Control Plan for LDWF approval.
6. Complainant conducts a public hearing to determine public support for the plan.
7. Complainant implements the population control measures authorized in the Deer Population Control Plan. Implementation is the complainant's responsibility, and LDWF acts in an advisory and support capacity.
8. LDWF will evaluate the effectiveness of the initial control measures.

B. Management options available under this policy include:

1. Option 1 - Controlled or Regulated Hunts. Special archery or restricted firearm hunts may be established by these agencies upon approval of the LDWF and the LWFC. Archery hunting has proven to be a safe, economic and humane method of reducing deer herds in residential settings. Such hunts will incorporate special regulations to ensure the safety and efficiency of hunting within the jurisdiction of a metropolitan or residential area. LDWF will provide technical assistance with establishing guidelines for such hunts.
2. Option 2 - Nuisance Deer Removal Permits- Closed Season (Appendix E). These permits will be used for the immediate removal of nuisance deer in urban situations such as

emergency situations. Some situations may require an extended amount of time for removal of nuisance deer. The Enforcement Division of LDWF is responsible for the removal of nuisance deer by this option. However, private contractors may be permitted by the Enforcement Division to remove deer when long-term control is required.

3. Option 3 - Alternative Control Measures Authorized by LDWF (Appendix B). In special situations where shooting is absolutely unsafe other methods for control of nuisance deer may be utilized by the complainant. Non-lethal and lethal population control methods, such as live-capture, are available options, however, LDWF will not be directly involved with the application of such programs and the complainant will incur all costs for such programs. Complainants desiring to initiate such programs must obtain all necessary permits from LDWF (Appendix F).

Policy & Procedure V - Miscellaneous Nuisance Deer Complaints and Problems

Road-Killed Deer - A citizen cannot legally possess a road-killed deer outside or during the hunting season unless authorized by LDWF or the officer investigating the deer/vehicle collision. All road-killed deer should be reported to LDWF and the complaint documented on the appropriate form (Appendix G). These forms will be submitted to the Deer Program. LDWF is not responsible for removal of dead deer from the highways.

Illegal pen-raised deer - Deer that are being held in captivity illegally will be confiscated and disposed of in the most appropriate fashion. In cases involving deer taken from the wild, such animals may not be given to commercial deer farmers; however, licensed game breeders may serve as a clearing house for such animals. So called "orphaned" fawns that have been held for less than eight hours should be immediately returned and released at the original capture site. If the fawn has been truly abandoned it should be taken to a permitted rehabilitator and released back into the wild at the appropriate time.

Sick or Injured Deer - Deer with a serious injury that prevents rehabilitation should be euthanised by LDWF personnel. Recommended procedure for euthanising large animals is a gunshot to the head. If the injury does not appear to be life threatening, remove the deer from public view and release it. Wildlife Division biologists should be contacted when sick deer are reported. Blood and tissue samples should be obtained whenever possible from these animals. The Southeast Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study Unit will serve as the agency for analysis of samples.

Appendix A

NUISANCE DEER COMPLAINT LOG

Date _____ Time _____ Parish _____

Location _____

Township _____ Range _____ Section _____ GPS _____

Name of Complainant: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Type of Nuisance Problem _____

BIOLOGIST/AGENT _____ Date Received _____

Field Evaluation NO _____ YES _____ Date _____

Current Conditions (Damage control measures currently employed, adjacent land-use,
hunting pressure/number of deer harvested) _____

Recommendations (abatement techniques):

Comments for future action: _____

Appendix B

Deer Damage Control/Abatement Alternatives

DEER POPULATION CONTROL

A. Non-lethal - These practices are designed to supplement, not replace deer population control with regulated hunting.

1. **Nonintervention** – No action “Let Nature take its course”- Hope that the deer herd will become self-limiting due to loss of habitat or increased human development.
2. **Habitat Modification** –
 - Enhancing natural habitat (food) to reduce deer damage to target crops.
 - Degrading natural habitat (food, water, and cover) to disperse and reduce deer activity.
3. **Supplemental Feeding** – Attempts to divert deer from crops with alternate food sources. Impact temporary at best. No field-proven methods that produce long-term relief. Not recommended by LDWF.
4. **Live Capture and Translocation** – Problem deer are trapped and moved to a suitable release site with low deer populations. Research and field tests have proven this to be a costly, inhumane, and an ineffective method. Louisiana’s deer habitat is saturated with native deer and there are no areas suitable for the release of additional deer. Not permitted by LDWF.
5. **Fertility Control Agents** - Research has proven chemical birth control measures to be cost prohibitive, ineffective and inhumane to free ranging deer. Not permitted by LDWF
6. **Driving deer from area of damage.** Applicable to small enclosures only.

B. Lethal – These methods are designed to reduce damage by reducing the deer herd.

1. **Regulated Hunting** – The most effective, practical, inexpensive, and flexible way to reduce deer populations.
2. **Sharpshooting** – When done by professionals, sharpshooting can be an effective but expensive means for controlling populations where safety, liability and public relations concerns may exist.
3. **Live Capture and Euthanasia** – Considered only in special situations where it may be effective in small areas.
4. **Biological control by introducing predator or pathogen** – Not practical in human-dominated environment.

DEER DAMAGE ABATEMENT

A. Non-lethal - These practices are designed to supplement, not replace deer population control by regulated hunting.

1. Repellents – Olfactory and taste repellents. Repellent performance is highly variable and seems to be negatively correlated with deer density. May be cost effective in controlling browsing in small areas when used in combination with other methods.
2. Deterrents - Auditory (shell crackers/butane guns) and visual scare devices (reflectors). These methods are effective for short-term relief only, since deer are very adaptable and habituate quickly to manmade deterrents .
3. Exclusion – Electric and nonelectric fences and netting, cages, and cylinders around individual plants are probably the most effective non-lethal means of reducing/eliminating deer damage. Fencing can only be justified after consideration of the cost benefit ratio of fencing cost vs. economic loss to deer.
4. Utilize nonpalatable ornamental plants

B. Lethal – The removal of specific problem animals that are causing localized damage.

1. **Hunting** – Damage Control Assistance Program (DCAP) is designed to address chronic localized damage that is not being controlled by other population control or damage abatement practices. This is the last legal hunting option before Nuisance Deer Removal Permits are issued
2. **Nuisance Deer Removal Permit** – Allows the removal of a specific animal or small group of animals responsible for ongoing damage. Must be used in combination with other non-lethal abatement and population control methods.

Appendix C

Nuisance Deer Management Plan

Description of property

1. Location
2. Size
3. Primary landuse
4. Adjacent landuse

Description of deer damage

1. History of deer damage
2. Economic impact of damage
3. History of damage abatement practices

History of legal hunting

1. Legal deer harvest the past 5 years
2. Detailed description of number of hunters, hunting pressure, and kill last deer season
3. Hunting pressure and deer kill on adjacent property

Documentation of current deer damage by LSU Extension Service.

1. Current years economic impact due to deer damage
2. Projected economic impact next growing season

Deer population control methods recommended by LDWF

1. Nonlethal – Date practice implemented and evaluation of success
2. Lethal – Either-sex hunting -Date implemented and records of harvest

Deer damage abatement practices recommended by LDWF

1. Nonlethal Methods –
2. Lethal Methods -

Follow-up evaluation of plan effectiveness

* Nuisance Deer Management Plan is developed by the landowner with assistance from LDWF. A LDWF approved plan containing documentation of deer damage is required for obtaining Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags through the Damage Control Assistance Program

Appendix D

Deer Population Control Plan

Introduction

1. Organization name, address, phone number and date proposal submitted
2. Brief description of area with deer problem

Site Description

1. Detailed descriptions of specific areas with deer damage (acres of unoccupied woodland habitat within jurisdiction)
2. Map delineating problem areas
3. Local residents perception of deer herd numbers

Problem Statement

1. History of deer problem
2. Definitive statement on the problems caused by deer
3. Current deer damage abatement practices employed

Program Goals

1. Long-term purpose of deer population control program

Program Objectives

1. Specific description of management tasks and methods to be employed
2. Desired deer population levels

Documentation of the Problem

1. Description of type and extent of deer damage (documentation of number of complaints/year, number of deer/vehicle collisions/year, airport near misses, etc.)
2. Estimated annual cost of specific deer related work activity (Salary of animal control officers, police, city maintenance crew, etc.)
3. Estimated cost of damage to ornamental plants
4. Specific negative impacts of the deer population

Proposed Methods and Procedures

1. Identify management techniques to be used in deer population control
2. Proposed time-table for initiation and completion of the program
3. Estimate of cost management program
4. Specific target number of animals to be removed
5. Date procedures will be initiated and completed
6. Names and telephone numbers of agency officials to be contacted by the public and media

Evaluation of Management Program

1. Time-table for program evaluation
2. Criteria to be used to evaluate program effectiveness
3. Biological data from deer removed

* DPC Plan is prepared by the agency requesting LDWF assistance with problem deer.

Appendix E

Nuisance Deer Removal Permit

Landowner – Name _____ Birth Date _____
Address _____

Phone _____

Legal Description of property : _____

Parish _____ Type of Damage _____

Damage Documentation(attachment) _____

Nuisance Deer Management Plan(attachment) _____

Removal Specifications: _____

Authorizing LDWF Official – Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Permit No. _____ Deer Removal Tag No.(s) _____

PERMIT PROVISIONS

1. The above person is hereby granted a _____ day permit to remove _____ antlerless deer causing documented property damage.
2. This permit is valid from _____ to _____.
3. All deer must be properly tagged before being moved from the kill site and must retain the tag until the carcass is properly disposed of.
4. All edible venison must be donated to a charitable non-profit organization or needy individual. A LDWF wild game donation receipt must be completed to document each donation.
5. Permittee must return unused nuisance deer removal tags, LDWF deer kill form reporting the kill, and LDWF wild game donation receipts documenting meat donation within one week after permit expiration date.

I fully understand the provisions of this permit.

PERMITEE SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Appendix F

Deer Population Control Permit

Agency/Organization name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person(s)/Representative(s):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Area Description: Parish _____ Acreage _____

Legal description: _____

Type of Damage _____

Removal Specifications: _____

PERMIT PROVISIONS

1. The above agency/organization is hereby granted a _____ day permit to remove _____ antlerless deer causing damage described above.
2. This permit is valid from _____ to _____.
3. Removal shall only be by the methods stated on this permit.
4. All deer must be properly tagged before being moved from the kill site and must retain the tag until the carcass is properly disposed of.
5. All edible venison must be donated to a charitable non-profit organization or needy individual. A LDWF wild game donation receipt must be completed to document each donation.
6. Permittee must return unused nuisance deer removal tags, LDWF deer kill form reporting the kill, and LDWF wild game donation receipts documenting meat donation within 30 days after permit expiration date.

I fully understand the permit provisions and authorized deer removal method(s) listed herein, and agree to abide by them.

PERMITEE/REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

AUTHORIZING LDWF OFFICIAL _____

DATE: _____

Appendix G

ROAD-KILL DEER REPORT

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RESOLUTION

2000 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON and POSSESSION LIMIT

June 1, 2000

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WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, LDWF has received a request from NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, and

WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2000 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters will open on July 1, 2000, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2000 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the possession limit for the harvest of commercial king mackerel shall be 3,000 pounds per trip, and

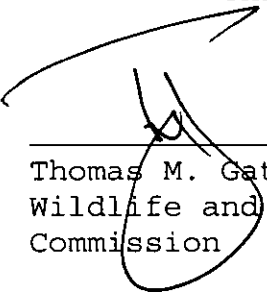
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by NMFS that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon, July 1, 2001, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

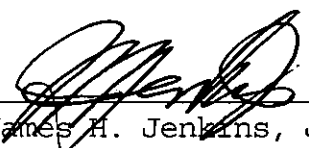
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 commercial king mackerel season and possession limit in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season and trip limit for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon, July 1, 2000 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; there will be a possession limit of 3,000 pounds.

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Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of king mackerel by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell king mackerel. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained. Those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL TRIP LIMIT

June 1, 2000

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, LDWF has received a request from NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, and

WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set possession limits for saltwater finfish,

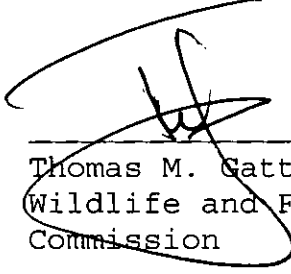
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations concerning the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana waters by establishing a 3,000 pound trip limit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

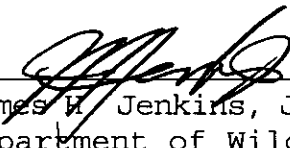
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal

and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.327, establishing a commercial trip limit of 3,000 pounds for king mackerel. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§327. Daily Take and Possession Limits of King Mackerel, and Spanish Mackerel, and Cobia

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E. Commercial king mackerel:

1. No person shall take, harvest, land or possess aboard a harvesting vessel king mackerel in excess of a recreational bag limit unless that person is in possession and has in his immediate possession a valid commercial fishing license, commercial gear licenses (if applicable) and a valid commercial vessel license. Persons taking, harvesting, landing, possessing or selling or attempting to sell king mackerel taken in or from the

EEZ shall be in possession of a valid federal permit for Gulf King Mackerel issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The holder of such valid commercial licenses or federal permits (if applicable) shall not take, possess, land, sell, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to take, sell, barter, trade or exchange king mackerel, whole or eviscerated, in excess of 3,000 pounds at any time.

2. No person aboard any vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of king mackerel between vessels on state or federal waters.

3. Persons possessing king mackerel for commercial purposes shall not possess a recreational bag limit in addition to the 3,000 pound limitations as required herein.

4. No person shall sell, purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, purchase, barter, trade or exchange king mackerel, whole or eviscerated, in excess of 3,000 pounds. Except that such limitation shall not apply to the resale of king mackerel by a validly licensed Wholesale/Retail Seafood dealer who purchased such king mackerel in compliance with the regulations and requirements of this section and in compliance with other requirements of law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325.1, and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:868 (October 1989), amended LR 17:207 (February 1991), LR 19:513 (April 1993), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 4, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL TRIP LIMIT

June 1, 2000

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

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WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set possession limits for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations concerning the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana waters by establishing a 3,000 pound trip limit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325.1, and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:868 (October 1989), amended LR 17:207 (February 1991), LR 19:513 (April 1993), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 4, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

MONTHLY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, SPECIAL PERMITS

JUNE 1, 2000

WHEREAS, special permit holders for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, Florida pompano, striped mullet, spotted seatrout, and holders of traversing permits are required to submit a report to the Department no later than 10 days following the last day of each month including total catch, effort, and other parameters which may be required by the department, and

WHEREAS, adoption of Act 130, Commercial Reporting Requirements of the 2000 1st Extraordinary Legislative Session, specifically R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6, allows the Department to capture the same information required in the monthly report more efficiently, thus making the existing monthly report redundant, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) provides that the Department shall have the authority to remove this requirement by rule, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, with the objective of sound management,

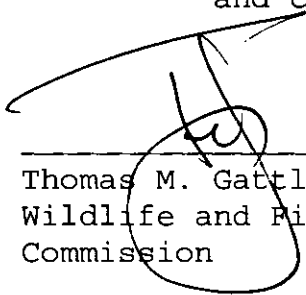
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate notices of intent to remove the monthly reporting requirement of special permit holders for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, Florida pompano, striped mullet, spotted seatrout, and holders of traversing permits and remove the permit requirement for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copies of the notices of intent and proposed rules are attached to and made part of this resolution, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these rules shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these notices of intent and the final rules, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal

and economic impact statements, the filing of the notices of intent and final rules and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.331, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§331. Black Drum Size Limits, Daily Take, Possession Limits, and ~~Quotas and Special Permit Requirements~~

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3. The maximum legal size for the recreational ~~or commercial~~ taking of black drum shall be 27 inches total length; provided however that recreational fishermen shall be allowed to take and possess no more than one black drum per day over 27 inches. It is provided further that commercial harvesters using legal gear fishermen, when in possession of a "Special Black Drum Permit", shall be allowed to take and possess and sell black drum over 27 inches in unlimited quantities until the annual quota has

been met in compliance with all other rules and regulations.

4. The annual commercial quota for 16 to 27 inch black drum shall be 3,250,000 pounds.

5. The annual commercial quota for black drum over 27 inches shall be 300,000 fish.

6. The fishing year for black drum shall begin on September 1, 1990 and every September 1st thereafter.

~~7. A "Special Black Drum Permit" shall be annually required for persons commercially taking black drum over 27 inches and each "Special Black Drum Permit" holder shall on or before the tenth of each month make a return to the department on forms provided or approved for the purpose, the number of black drum over 27 inches taken commercially during the preceding month.~~

87. Once the black drum commercial quota(s) has been met, the purchase, barter, trade or sale of black drum taken in Louisiana after the closure is prohibited. The commercial taking or landing of black drum in Louisiana, whether caught within or without the territorial waters of Louisiana after the closure is prohibited. Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to prohibit the possession of fish legally taken prior to the closure order.

98. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall, by public notice, close the commercial fishery(s) for black drum when the quota(s) has been met or is projected to be met. The closure shall not take effect for at least 72 hours after

notice to public.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with, R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:698 (August 1990), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.343, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of striped mullet. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§343. Rules for Harvest of Mullet

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E. Permits

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4. Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially take mullet and shall be forever barred from receiving any permit or license to commercially take mullet.

~~5. Each Mullet Permit holder shall, on or before the 10th of each month of the open season, submit an information return to the department on forms provided or approved for this purpose,~~

~~including the pounds of mullet taken commercially during the preceding month, and the commercial dealers to whom these were sold. Monthly reports shall be filed, even if catch or effort is zero.~~

F. General Provisions. Effective with the closure of the commercial season for mullet, there shall be a prohibition of the commercial take from Louisiana waters, and the possession of mullet on the waters of the state with commercial gear in possession. Nothing shall prohibit the possession, sale, barter or exchange off the water of mullet legally taken during any open period provided that those who are required to do so shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.4 and R.S. 56:345 and be properly licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303 or R.S. 56:306.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325.1, R.S. 56:333 and Act 1316 of the 1995 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:333.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:1420 (December 1992) amended LR 21:37 (January 1995), LR 22:236 (March 1996), LR 24:359 (February 1998), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and

the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.703, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of Florida pompano. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§703. Pompano Permits

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A. Harvest Regulations

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~~3. The bearer of a permit shall report monthly the catch and effort under the permit, even when catch or effort is zero. This report shall contain total catch, effort, and other parameters which may be required by the department. A report shall be received by the department no later than 10 days following the last day of each month.~~

43. When operating under the conditions of a permit, only pompano can be retained. All other species shall be immediately returned to waters from which they were caught. No other fish may be in the possession of the permittee and all fish on board the permitted vessel shall have the head and caudal fin (tail) intact.

54. The permittee shall have the permit in possession at all times when using permitted gear or harvesting permitted specie(s). Permit holder shall be on board permitted vessel when operating under conditions of permit. No permit is transferrable without written permission from the department secretary.

65. When permitted gear is on board permitted vessel or in possession of permittee, permittee and vessel are assumed to be operating under conditions of the permit. No gear other than permitted gear may be on board or in possession of permittee.

76. Any violation of the conditions of the permit shall result in the immediate suspension of the permit, and may result in the permanent revocation of the permit.

87. For permitting purposes, a pompano net shall be defined as a pompano strike net not exceeding 2400' in length and not smaller than 2-1/2" bar or 5" stretched mesh, that is not anchored or secured to the water bottom and that is actively worked while being used. A pompano net shall not be constructed of monofilament.

98. The permitted boat used in the program shall have a distinguishing sign so that it may be identified. The sign shall have the operator's permit number printed on it in at least eight-inch high letters on a contrasting background so as to be visible from low flying aircraft or from any other vessel in the immediate vicinity.

102. Pompano strike nets may be used during the period from August 1 through October 31 of each year in waters in excess of seven feet in depth and beyond 2,500 feet from land (excluding islands) within the Chandeleur and Breton Sound area described in R.S. 56:406(A)(2).

104. No person shall fish under this permit during the hours after sunset and before sunrise. No person shall fish under this permit on Saturday or Sunday of any week during the open season, or on Labor Day.

112. Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the Department which states the name, address, and social security number of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take pompano. The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.

123. The department reserves the right to observe the operations taking place under the permit at any time and permittee shall be required to provide food and lodging on the permitted

vessel for an observer at the request of the department.

134. All permittees shall notify the department prior to leaving port to fish under permitted conditions and immediately upon returning from permitted trip. The department shall be notified by calling a designated phone number.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:406A(3).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 12:119 (February 1986), amended LR 12:846 (December 1986), amended by the Office of Fisheries, LR 16:322 (April 1990), LR 22:859 (September 1996), LR.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.341, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§341. Spotted Seatrout Management Measures

A. Commercial Season; Quota; Permits

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4. d. Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially take spotted seatrout and shall be forever barred from receiving any permit or license to commercially take spotted seatrout.

~~5. Each Spotted Seatrout Permit holder shall, on or before the 10th of each month of the open season, submit an information return to the department on forms provided or approved~~

~~for this purpose, including the pounds of spotted seatrout taken commercially during the preceding month, and the commercial dealers to whom these were sold, if sold. Monthly reports shall be filed, even if catch or effort is zero.~~

B. Commercial Taking of Spotted Seatrout Using Mullet Strike Nets, Seasons

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act Number 157 of the 1991 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, R.S. 56:6(25)(a); R.S. 56:325.3; R.S. 56:326.3; and Act 1316 of the 1995 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:325.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR 22:238 (March 1996), LR 24:360 (February 1998), LR_____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.403, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for traversing permit holders. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§403. Traversing Permit

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H. Permittees will be required to abide by the following conditions:

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~~3. The permittee shall report monthly the catch and effort under the permit, even when catch and effort is zero. This report shall contain total catch, total effort, and any other parameters which may be required by the Department. The report shall be filed with the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries no later than 30 days following the last day~~

~~of each month.~~

34. When permitted gear is on board the permitted vessel or in possession of the permittee, the permittee and the vessel are assumed to be operating under authority of the permit. No gear other than gear allowed under the Traversing Permit may be on board the vessel or in possession of the permittee.

45. The vessel authorized for use under the Traversing Permit shall have distinguishing signs so that it may be identified as such. The signs shall have the letters "EEZ" and assigned numbers printed on them in at least 10-inch high letters and numbers on a contrasting background in block style so as to be visible and legible from low-flying aircraft and from any vessel in the immediate vicinity. The assigned numbers shall be situated on both sides and on top of the vessel.

56. The Department reserves the right to observe the operations taking place under the Traversing Permit and, at its request, the Department may assign aboard any permitted vessel an enforcement agent as an observer.

67. All permittees shall notify the Department four hours prior to leaving port to traverse or fish under the conditions of the Traversing Permit and immediately upon returning from the permitted trip. The Department shall be notified by calling a designated phone number.

78. The permittee must report to the Department the name

of the buyer who will purchase the fish product obtained under the Traversing Permit. This information shall be provided at the time that permittee notifies the Department of his return.

89. When quotas have been met or seasons have been closed, no fish affected by such quotas or seasons may be possessed on board a vessel while having commercial gear on board traveling state waters.

910. Any violation of the conditions of the Traversing Permit and any violation of any fisheries regulation shall be punishable as defined by R.S. 56:320.2.D.(1) in accordance with Act 1316 of the 1995 Legislature.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:305.B, and R.S. 56:320.2.E.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:240 (March 1996), LR_____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the

proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division,
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA
70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby
issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding
Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the
six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

MONTHLY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, SPECIAL PERMITS

JUNE 1, 2000

WHEREAS, special permit holders for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, Florida pompano, striped mullet, spotted seatrout, and holders of traversing permits are required to submit a report to the Department no later than 10 days following the last day of each month including total catch, effort, and other parameters which may be required by the department, and

WHEREAS, adoption of Act 130, Commercial Reporting Requirements of the 2000 1st Extraordinary Legislative Session, specifically R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6, allows the Department to capture the same information required in the monthly report more efficiently, thus making the existing monthly report redundant, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) provides that the Department shall have the authority to remove this requirement by rule, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, with the objective of sound management,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate notices of intent to remove the monthly reporting requirement of special permit holders for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, Florida pompano, striped mullet, spotted seatrout, and holders of traversing permits and remove the permit requirement for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copies of the notices of intent and proposed rules are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these rules shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these notices of intent and the final rules, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal

and economic impact statements, the filing of the notices of intent and final rules and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.331, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial take of black drum over 27 inches total length. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§331. Black Drum Size Limits, Daily Take, Possession Limits, and ~~Quotas and Special Permit Requirements~~

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3. The maximum legal size for the recreational or ~~commercial~~ taking of black drum shall be 27 inches total length; provided however that recreational fishermen shall be allowed to take and possess no more than one black drum per day over 27 inches. It is provided further that commercial harvesters using legal gear fishermen, ~~when in possession of a "Special Black Drum Permit"~~, shall be allowed to take and possess and sell black drum over 27 inches in unlimited quantities until the annual quota has

been met in compliance with all other rules and regulations.

4. The annual commercial quota for 16 to 27 inch black drum shall be 3,250,000 pounds.

5. The annual commercial quota for black drum over 27 inches shall be 300,000 fish.

6. The fishing year for black drum shall begin on September 1, 1990 and every September 1st thereafter.

~~7. A "Special Black Drum Permit" shall be annually required for persons commercially taking black drum over 27 inches and each "Special Black Drum Permit" holder shall on or before the tenth of each month make a return to the department on forms provided or approved for the purpose, the number of black drum over 27 inches taken commercially during the preceding month.~~

87. Once the black drum commercial quota(s) has been met, the purchase, barter, trade or sale of black drum taken in Louisiana after the closure is prohibited. The commercial taking or landing of black drum in Louisiana, whether caught within or without the territorial waters of Louisiana after the closure is prohibited. Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to prohibit the possession of fish legally taken prior to the closure order.

98. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall, by public notice, close the commercial fishery(s) for black drum when the quota(s) has been met or is projected to be met. The closure shall not take effect for at least 72 hours after

notice to public.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with, R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:698 (August 1990), LR.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.343, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of striped mullet. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§343. Rules for Harvest of Mullet

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E. Permits

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4. Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially take mullet and shall be forever barred from receiving any permit or license to commercially take mullet.

~~5. Each Mullet Permit holder shall, on or before the 10th of each month of the open season, submit an information return to the department on forms provided or approved for this purpose,~~

~~including the pounds of mullet taken commercially during the preceding month, and the commercial dealers to whom these were sold. Monthly reports shall be filed, even if catch or effort is zero.~~

F. General Provisions. Effective with the closure of the commercial season for mullet, there shall be a prohibition of the commercial take from Louisiana waters, and the possession of mullet on the waters of the state with commercial gear in possession. Nothing shall prohibit the possession, sale, barter or exchange off the water of mullet legally taken during any open period provided that those who are required to do so shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.4 and R.S. 56:345 and be properly licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303 or R.S. 56:306.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325.1, R.S. 56:333 and Act 1316 of the 1995 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:333.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:1420 (December 1992) amended LR 21:37 (January 1995), LR 22:236 (March 1996), LR 24:359 (February 1998), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and

the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.703, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of Florida pompano. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§703. Pompano Permits

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A. Harvest Regulations

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~~3. The bearer of a permit shall report monthly the catch and effort under the permit, even when catch or effort is zero. This report shall contain total catch, effort, and other parameters which may be required by the department. A report shall be received by the department no later than 10 days following the last day of each month.~~

43. When operating under the conditions of a permit, only pompano can be retained. All other species shall be immediately returned to waters from which they were caught. No other fish may be in the possession of the permittee and all fish on board the permitted vessel shall have the head and caudal fin (tail) intact.

54. The permittee shall have the permit in possession at all times when using permitted gear or harvesting permitted specie(s). Permit holder shall be on board permitted vessel when operating under conditions of permit. No permit is transferrable without written permission from the department secretary.

65. When permitted gear is on board permitted vessel or in possession of permittee, permittee and vessel are assumed to be operating under conditions of the permit. No gear other than permitted gear may be on board or in possession of permittee.

76. Any violation of the conditions of the permit shall result in the immediate suspension of the permit, and may result in the permanent revocation of the permit.

87. For permitting purposes, a pompano net shall be defined as a pompano strike net not exceeding 2400' in length and not smaller than 2-1/2" bar or 5" stretched mesh, that is not anchored or secured to the water bottom and that is actively worked while being used. A pompano net shall not be constructed of monofilament.

98. The permitted boat used in the program shall have a distinguishing sign so that it may be identified. The sign shall have the operator's permit number printed on it in at least eight-inch high letters on a contrasting background so as to be visible from low flying aircraft or from any other vessel in the immediate vicinity.

102. Pompano strike nets may be used during the period from August 1 through October 31 of each year in waters in excess of seven feet in depth and beyond 2,500 feet from land (excluding islands) within the Chandeleur and Breton Sound area described in R.S. 56:406(A)(2).

104. No person shall fish under this permit during the hours after sunset and before sunrise. No person shall fish under this permit on Saturday or Sunday of any week during the open season, or on Labor Day.

112. Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the Department which states the name, address, and social security number of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take pompano. The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.

123. The department reserves the right to observe the operations taking place under the permit at any time and permittee shall be required to provide food and lodging on the permitted

vessel for an observer at the request of the department.

134. All permittees shall notify the department prior to leaving port to fish under permitted conditions and immediately upon returning from permitted trip. The department shall be notified by calling a designated phone number.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:406A(3).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 12:119 (February 1986), amended LR 12:846 (December 1986), amended by the Office of Fisheries, LR 16:322 (April 1990), LR 22:859 (September 1996), LR _____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.341, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§341. Spotted Seatrout Management Measures

A. Commercial Season; Quota; Permits

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4. d. Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially take spotted seatrout and shall be forever barred from receiving any permit or license to commercially take spotted seatrout.

~~5. Each Spotted Seatrout Permit holder shall, on or before the 10th of each month of the open season, submit an information return to the department on forms provided or approved~~

~~for this purpose, including the pounds of spotted seatrout taken commercially during the preceding month, and the commercial dealers to whom these were sold, if sold. Monthly reports shall be filed, even if catch or effort is zero.~~

B. Commercial Taking of Spotted Seatrout Using Mullet Strike Nets, Seasons

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act Number 157 of the 1991 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, R.S. 56:6(25)(a); R.S. 56:325.3; R.S. 56:326.3; and Act 1316 of the 1995 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:325.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR 22:238 (March 1996), LR 24:360 (February 1998), LR_____.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.403, abolishing the monthly reporting requirement for traversing permit holders. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§403. Traversing Permit

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H. Permittees will be required to abide by the following conditions:

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~~3. The permittee shall report monthly the catch and effort under the permit, even when catch and effort is zero. This report shall contain total catch, total effort, and any other parameters which may be required by the Department. The report shall be filed with the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries no later than 30 days following the last day~~

~~of each month.~~

34. When permitted gear is on board the permitted vessel or in possession of the permittee, the permittee and the vessel are assumed to be operating under authority of the permit. No gear other than gear allowed under the Traversing Permit may be on board the vessel or in possession of the permittee.

45. The vessel authorized for use under the Traversing Permit shall have distinguishing signs so that it may be identified as such. The signs shall have the letters "EEZ" and assigned numbers printed on them in at least 10-inch high letters and numbers on a contrasting background in block style so as to be visible and legible from low-flying aircraft and from any vessel in the immediate vicinity. The assigned numbers shall be situated on both sides and on top of the vessel.

56. The Department reserves the right to observe the operations taking place under the Traversing Permit and, at its request, the Department may assign aboard any permitted vessel an enforcement agent as an observer.

67. All permittees shall notify the Department four hours prior to leaving port to traverse or fish under the conditions of the Traversing Permit and immediately upon returning from the permitted trip. The Department shall be notified by calling a designated phone number.

78. The permittee must report to the Department the name

of the buyer who will purchase the fish product obtained under the Traversing Permit. This information shall be provided at the time that permittee notifies the Department of his return.

89. When quotas have been met or seasons have been closed, no fish affected by such quotas or seasons may be possessed on board a vessel while having commercial gear on board traveling state waters.

910. Any violation of the conditions of the Traversing Permit and any violation of any fisheries regulation shall be punishable as defined by R.S. 56:320.2.D.(1) in accordance with Act 1316 of the 1995 Legislature.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:305.B, and R.S. 56:320.2.E.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:240 (March 1996), LR.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the

proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division,
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA
70898-9000, prior to Friday, August 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby
issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding
Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the
six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES DEALER RECEIPT FORM (GENERIC TICKET)

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DEPARTMENT COPY

TICKET NO. 2072213

CONTINUATION
TICKET NO.

VOID
TICKET

FISHERMAN PROVIDED INFORMATION

COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S
NAME (Please Print)

Commercial
Fisherman's
License Number

C

TRIP TIME

VESSEL
NAME

Coast Guard Documented
Vessel Number

OR

State Vessel Registration
Number

Area Fished

Gear Used

WHOLESALE/RETAIL SEAFOOD DEALER PROVIDED INFORMATION

SEAFOOD DEALER'S NAME
(Please Print)

Seafood Dealer's
License Number

C

Transaction Date

SPECIES	SPECIES CODE	QUANTITY	UNIT	COND	COUNT OR MARKET	PRICE/UNIT	VALUE	VOID
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PERMIT NUMBER

TOTAL PURCHASES

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I CERTIFY THAT THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

FISHERMAN'S SIGNATURE

DEALER'S SIGNATURE

MARKET	
CODE	DESCRIPTION
1	Number 1
2	Number 2
3	Number 3
4	
5	No Grade (used for tuna)
6	Large
7	Medium
8	Small
9	
10	Fins
11	Roe (Females)
12	Roe (Males)
13	
14	Buster or Peeler
15	Softshell
16	
17	
18	
19	
99	Farm raised, Aquiculture

ENFORCEMENT AIRPLANE HOURS

MAY 2000

**185-Amph.- 61092
Hrs.-60.1**

**185-Float- 9667Q
Hrs.-58.8**

**210-9467Y
Hrs.-13.9**

ENFORCEMENT TOTAL HOURS - 118.9

OTHER DIVISIONS TOTAL HOURS- 13.9

TOTAL PLANE USE -132.8

6-Trawling Inside Waters Closed Season

2-Improper Running Lights

1-No P.F.D.

1-No Boat Registration

2-Improper Boat Numbers

CONFISCATIONS:

1,000 lbs. of shrimp and 6 trawls.

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

MAY 2000

REGION 1:**18 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
DESOTO, RED RIVER,
WEBSTER**

TOTAL CASES	163
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
77	Boating
33	Angling W/O A License
8	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
25	Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License
1	Take Game Fish Illegally (Snagging)
3	Possession Over Limit Freshwater Gamefish
6	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	CML Fisherman Sell to Consumer w/o Fresh Products License
2	Possession F.B.A. W/O A License
1	Failure To Abide By Rules & Regs. On WMA
1	Operating A Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Littering
4	Other Than Wildlife & Fisheries

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	44	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
31		Boating Safety
12		Angling W/O A License
1		Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
20 Black Bass; 1 bobcat carcass & hide; 1-32qt ice chest; 3 White Perch; 5 Bream; 1 Yellow Bass

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
77	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
00	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
8	Miscellaneous
76	Recreational Fishing
00	State Hunting/Trapping
44	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 2:
20 Agent positions

**PARISHES: E. CARROL, JACKSON,
 LINCOLN, MOREHEAD,
 QUACHITA, RICHLAND
 UNION, W. CARROL**

TOTAL CASES	99
TOTAL	CITATIONS (DESCRIPTION)
40	Boating
9	Fishing Without Resident Pole License
21	Angle Without Resident Fishing License
3	Angle Without Non-Resident Fishing License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Use Gear Without Recreational Gear License
2	Sale Fish Without Retail License
1	Buy/Sale Fish Without Wholesale/Retail License
2	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations on WMA
9	Littering
2	Possession of Marijuana
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	DWI (While Boating)
3	Theft (Fish From Nets)
3	Criminal Property Damage (Fish Nets)

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 33	DESCRIPTION OF CITATIONS
4	No Fire Extinguisher
2	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
7	Angle Without A Resident License
1	Improper Fire Extinguisher
1	Expired Boat Registration
3	Improper Boat Numbers
1	Riding On Gunwales
5	No Boat Registration Certificates In possession
2	Fail To Have PFD on Child Under 13
1	Failure To Display Valid Decal
1	No Observer In Watercraft
1	Operate Unregistered Motorboat
1	No Sound Producing Device
1	Improper Running Lights
2	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1- Marijuana Cigarette, 4- Catfish.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
40	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
9	Littering
10	Miscellaneous
35	Recreational Fishing
-0-	State Hunting/Trapping
2	WMA Rules and Regulations
33	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
13	Public Assistance- Assisting Stranded Boaters and Motorists

REGION 3:
31 agent positions

**PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,
 NATCHITOCHES, RAPIDES
 SABINE, VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	184
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
62	Boating
63	Angling W/O A License
6	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License In Possession
11	Fish W/O Resident Pole License In Possession
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Possess Spoonbill Catfish
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License
1	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale-Retail Dealers License
1	Take Undersize Commercial Fish
4	Criminal Trespass On State Property
10	Littering
3	Unauthorized Use Of Moveable Property
3	Felony Possession Of Stolen Goods
3	Possession Of Marijuana
1	Resisting An Officer
3	Criminal Damage Of Property

2	Disturbing The Peace
3	Operate A.T.V. On Public Road
5	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL – 42	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
14	Boating
25	Angling W/O A License In Possession
3	Take Illegal Size Black Bass

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 spoonbill catfish, 1 plastic bag, 1 bolt cutter, 1 9mm pistol with clip and 87 rounds of ammo, 1 bag marijuana, 1 Kawasaki jet ski (returned to owner), 9 cans, 541lbs. Catfish, 156 undersized catfish.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
62	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
10	Littering
27	Miscellaneous
82	Recreational Fishing

0	State Hunting/Trapping
42	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 4:
24 Agent positions

**PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,
 CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN
 LASALLE, MADISON,
 TENSAS**

TOTAL CASES	122
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
57	Boating
52	Angling W/O A License
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules & Regulations (Possess Sturgeon)
1	Take or Possess Gamefish Illegally
3	Take or Possess Spoonbill Catfish
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Use Illegal Mesh Nets (Freshwater—2" Gill Net)
2	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
1	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Misrepresent During Issuance Of Misdemeanor Summons

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	7	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3		Angling W/O A License
1		Fishing W/O Cane Pole License
1		Expired Boat Registration Certificate
1		Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
1		Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 spoonbill catfish, 1 sturgeon, 9 white bass, 1 marijuana cigarette, 100 yds 2" gill net

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
57	Boating
8	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
52	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
7	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 5
33 Agent positions

BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU
CAMERON, EVANGELINE
JEFF DAVIS, VERMILLION

TOTAL CASES	149
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
80	Boating
30	Angling W/O A License
7	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Blackdrum
1	Obtain License Or Engage Activity During Revocation
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Use Trawl Exceeding Size Requirements
5	Butterflying Closed Season
1	Use Shrimp Net Closed Waters
1	Possession Of Over Limit Recreational Shrimp
1	Hunt Squirrel Closed Season
2	Buying Or Selling Squirrel Or Rabbit
11	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On Wildlife Management Area

1	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
2	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 33	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
20	Boating
3	Angling W/O License
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Blackdrum
9	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On Wildlife Management Area

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
12,659 pounds of shrimp sold for \$20,579.20; 1 beer can; 4 blackdrum; 1 recreational fish license; 1 saltwater recreational license; 1 resident hunting license; 1 commercial fishing license; 1 vessel license; 1 gear license; 1 fresh product license; 218 crabs (RTW); 2 ice chests.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
80	Boating
11	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
12	Miscellaneous
41	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
33	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 6:
24 Agent positions

**PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
 PT.COUPÉE,LAFAYETTE
 ST.MARTIN,IBERIA
 IBERVILLE,W.B.R.**

TOTAL CASES	175
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
60	Boating
60	Angling W/O A License
11	Trawl State Waters Closed Season
1	Use Trawls Exceeding Size Requirements
6	Fish W/O Pole License
1	Possess Over Limit Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27 Inches
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
4	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Juvenile
4	Littering
5	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Fail To Comply With Squirrel Nuisance. Hunt Or Permit Regs.
1	Take/Possess Game Fish Illegally
6	Cypremort Point State Park Netting Prohibition

1	Take/Possess Undersized Commercial Finfish
1	Transport W/O Required License
1	Failure To Maintain Records
1	Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum Comm.
1	Fail To Mark Crab Containers
1	Flight From An Officer
1	Driving W/O Operators License
1	Obstruction Of Justice
1	Misrepresentation During Booking
3	Trespass After Hours – Spanish Lake

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 14	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	Angling W/O License
6	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
4054 lbs. Shrimp, checks totaling \$10,323.03, 12 trawls, 6 red drum, 4 black bass, 11 crappie, 11, black drum, 1 car, 1- .38 revolver.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
60	Boating
17	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
87	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
14	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 7:**22 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON,
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA**

TOTAL CASES	382
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
197	Boating Safety (5 D.W.I.'S)
136	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O Salt Water License
25	Angling W/O Non-Res. License
12	Angling W/O Pole License
1	No Commercial Fisherman License
1	1 No Gear License (Comm.)
1	Poss. Boat W/Serial Number Missing
1	Take Shark Closed Season
1	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
1	Hunt Turkey Closed Season
1	Poss. Turkey Closed Season
4	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 48	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
39	Boating
6	Angling W/O Res. License
2	Angling W/O Non Res. Salt Water License
1	Violate R&R on W.M.A.

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-14' flat boat, 1 wire trap, 1 hen turkey, 1 black tip shark, and 5 speckled trout.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
197	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
176	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
9	Public Assistance

REGION 8
18 Agent positions

PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON
ST. CHARLES

TOTAL CASES	258
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
75	Boating
46	Angling W/O A License
4	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
3	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
5	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Fail to Have Fish Intact (Catfish)
5	Take or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout(Recreational)
1	Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Sell Fish Caught Recreationally
10	Take or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. License
10	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
12	Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
2	Sell and/or Buy fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
2	Fail to Maintain Records
2	Use Gill Net Illegally
2	Take/Poss. Undersize Commercial Fish

2	Take Salt Water Commercial Fish With Net Closed Season
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
6	Removing Contents from Legal Crab Traps
1	Take spotted Seatrout without permit
2	Possess or Sell Undersized Crabs
14	Trawling in Closed Season
1	Use Skimmers in Closed Season
8	Use Oversize Skimmers
1	Failure to Have Written Permission
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off a Private Lease
1	Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
1	Hunt Squirrel Closed Season
1	Sell Reptiles Without Collectors License
1	Frog in Closed Season
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations on WMA
1	Resisting An Officer
1	Simple Assault on An Officer
2	Criminal Trespass
6	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

3	Littering
17	Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries
1	Flight from an Officer
1	Miscellaneous Federal Violations
1	Poss. Red Drum Illegally

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 1	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Expired Boat Registration Certificate

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<p>Returned to water.....Live Marine Sea Life (25 lbs.)...Crabs(6 doz...3 boxes...65)....Mixed seafood(60 lbs.)...Crab of crates(8)</p> <p>106 lbs. of shrimp bid at \$206.70...96 lbs. of shrimp bid at \$187.20....57 lbs. of shrimp bid at \$108.30...2383 lbs. of shrimp bid at \$2349.60....8312 lbs. of shrimp bid at \$22,049.10....41 lbs. of shrimp bid at \$79.75.....</p> <p>Donated ...Red Drum (1)...Channel Catfish(217)...Black Drum(1)...White Trout(45lbs+3)....Redfish (3)...Sheepshead (2)...Channel Mullet(1)....Shrimp(1,476 lbs.)....Reddrum(10)....Crabs(170 lbs.+65)...Spotted Seatrout (81)...Yellowfin Tuna(1)Snapping Turtle(1)...Soft Shell Turtles(6)...Live Hard Crabs(1 doz.)...Oyster Sacks(31)...Red Drum Fillets(8)...Red-Ear Turtles(15)</p> <p>Destroyed....Squirrel(1)</p> <p>Hardware Confiscated....Pans(2)...Pellet Gun(1)...Vessel Lic(1)...Oyster Dredge Lic(1)...Trip Ticket Copies(3)...Yellow Legal paper(1)...Ice Chest(2)...Empty Aluminum Can(1) ...Marine offshore chart(1)...Skimmer Nets(10)...Gillnets(3)...Trawls(19)...Crack Cocaine(4 pieces)...Crack Pipe(1)...Bucket(1)...Marijuana(1)...Boat(1)...Motor(1)...Trailer(1).</p>

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
75	Boating
78	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
34	Miscellaneous
67	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
1	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

REGION 9:**25 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	282	
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION	
157	Boating	
41	Angling W/O A License	
12	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident	
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License	
5	Angling W/O Saltwater License	
3	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident	
1	Take O/L Of Red Drum (On Water)	
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass	
1	Take Undersized Red Drum (Recreational)	
5	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)	
3	Take O/L Black Drum (Recreational)	
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License	
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Cans)	
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License	
1	Take Undersize Commercial Finfish (Catfish)	

1	Theft Of Crab Trap
1	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
3	Fail To Comply With Stone Crab Requirements
3	Trawling In Closed Season (Inside Waters)
3	Use More Than Four Trawls (Outside Waters)
3	Use Trawl Exceeding Size Requirements (Offshore LA Waters)
10	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
4	Endangered Species Act (Sea Turtle)
1	Vehicular Homicide (Boat)
1	Operating Boat While Intoxicated
1	Illegal Possession Of Stolen Things
1	Possession With Intent To Distribute (Marijuana)
6	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. WMA (No Commercial Activity)
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. WMA (Over Limit Shrimp)
4	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. WMA (After Hours)
1	Illegal Use Of Firearm
1	Possess Crabs In Berry Stage
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 65	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
48	Boating
3	Angling W/O A License
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
9	Angling W/O Saltwater License
2	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
2	Not Abiding By Rules and Regs. WMA (Alcohol)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
3966 lbs. shrimp sold \$3975, 10 lbs. shrimp, 11 red drum, 67 black drum, 38 catfish, 1 black bass, 1 sea turtle, 44 stone crabs, 400 lbs. crabs, 15 berry crabs, 9 trawls, 6 skimmers, 6 shrimp baskets, 1 cast net, 1 crab trap, 2 pistols and 6 magazines, 2 bags and 1 cigarette of marijuana.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
157	Boating
30	Commercial Fishing
4	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
17	Miscellaneous
74	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
65	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE
3 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	23
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	Boating
2	Angling W/O A Basic License
3	Fishing W/O A Saltwater License
2	Take Undersize Black Drum
1	Take Over Limit Black Drum
1	Take Undersize Red Drum
2	Take/Sell Oysters W/O A Non-Resident Commercial Fisherman's License
2	Take/Sell Oysters W/O A Non-Resident Oyster Dredge License
2	Take/Sell Oysters W/O A Non-Resident Vessel License
2	Take/Sell Oysters W/O A Non-Resident Oyster Harvester License
2	Fraudulent Acquisition Of Licenses(non-resident purchased resident license)
2	Theft Of State Funds By Fraud
1	Take Oysters W/O Vessel License
1	Failure To Fill Out Oyster Harvester Log Book

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1 resident commercial license, 1 resident gear license, 1 resident vessel license, and 1 resident harvester license, 30 sacks of oysters.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
14	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
9	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE
18 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	41
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
14	Boating
6	Angling W/O A Basic License
4	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
2	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License
4	Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Red Drum
3	Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs
1	Use Trawls Exceeding Size Regulations
4	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 14	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum
12	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
31 red drum, 7 red snapper and 2 black drum.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
14	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
20	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
14	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT**STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	10
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
5	Fail To Maintain Records
3	Retail Dealer, Restaurant, Retail Grocery Buy Fish From Other Than Wholesale/Retail Dealer

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
None.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
10	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SPECIAL NOTE: SEAFOOD INVESTIGATORS IN SCHOOL OUT-OF-STATE AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN ON-GOING INVESTIGATIONS.

S.W.E.P.
8 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	20
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
11	Trawling In Closed Season
1	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Take/Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout
3	Skimming Closed Season
4	Trawl Inside Waters W/Oversize Rigs

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2,617 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$3,635.75.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
20	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES

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NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =287

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LA

June 1, 2000

10:00 AM

- ✓1. Roll Call
- ✓2. Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2000
- ✓3. Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2000
- ✓4. Public Comments - 2000-2001 Hunting Seasons & Regulations
- ✓5. Announce Species for 2001 Duck Stamp - Dave Morrison
- ✓6. Nuisance Deer Policy (Information Only) - Larry Savage
- ✓7. Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent - 2000 Commercial King Mackerel Season and Trip Limit - Randy Pausina
- ✓8. Notices of Intent - Removal of Monthly Reporting Requirement for: (Randy Pausina)
 - a. Black Drum Over 27 Inches
 - b. Striped Mullet
 - c. Florida Pompano
 - d. Spotted Seatrout
 - e. Commercial Fish Traversing Permit
- ✓9. Discussion of Nighttime Trawling and Double Rigs for White Shrimp in Lake Pontchartrain - Warren Delacroix
- ✓10. Youth Hunter Education Challenge Report - Jonathan Glasscock
- ✓11. Review of Woodduck Video
- ✓12. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/May - Keith LaCaze
- ✓13. Set October 2000 Meeting Date
- ✓14. Public Comments
15. Adjournment

2000		October			2000	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%

FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98

July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%

FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99

July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%

FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	13	\$5,046.00	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000								
Total FY 2000	178	\$96,800.41	\$6,186.15	241	\$50,994.83	\$24,457.49	78%	135%

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
05/01/2000 TO 05/31/2000PAGE: 1
DATE: 05/31/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	7	\$5,039.46
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00

RESTITUTION ASSESSED	7	\$5,039.46
PAYMENTS	13	\$5,046.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	4	\$325.00-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	3	\$1,616.23-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	3	\$75.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	12	\$3,164.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$293.60-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$131.25
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/1999 TO 05/31/2000

PAGE: 2
DATE: 05/31/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	177	\$95,750.87
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	15	\$525.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	177	\$96,275.87
PAYMENTS	137	\$41,478.96-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	11	\$1,276.27-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	36	\$7,480.80-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	6	\$1,700.03-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	41	\$1,075.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	120	\$24,457.49-
OVERPAYMENTS	4	\$290.98
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	3	\$2,111.65
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	9	\$11,455.85-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	1	\$1,621.15
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	1	\$6,800.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	5	\$12,509.10-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	2	\$604.67-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	6	\$3,241.89-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	8	\$1,740.85

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 05/31/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	3,978	\$2,690,979.60
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	192	\$5,100.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	148	\$71,951.21
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	3,978	\$2,498,165.36
PAYMENTS	2,666	\$486,134.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	11	\$1,276.27-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	36	\$7,480.80-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	6	\$1,700.03-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	77	\$2,000.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1,889	\$242,187.47-
OVERPAYMENTS	124	\$3,002.56
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	48	\$10,309.52
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	13	\$29,905.30-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$12,222.64
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	20	\$90,603.09
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$36.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	2	\$35.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	58	\$36,391.47-
WRITE-OFFS	213	\$150,622.92-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	6	\$1,399.24-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	22	\$11,864.26-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	39	\$76,784.25-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	1,065	\$1,573,499.84

 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	25	\$13,541.75 *
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	9	\$27,300.48
31 - 60 DAYS	24	\$17,728.30
61 - 90 DAYS	9	\$9,016.25
91 - 120 DAYS	6	\$2,164.55
121 - 150 DAYS	1	\$158.00
151 - 180 DAYS	3	\$6,389.65
181 - 365 DAYS	88	\$33,811.23
OVER ONE YEAR	145	\$115,929.56
OVER TWO YEARS	127	\$80,396.58
OVER THREE YEARS	465	\$368,222.40
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	877	\$661,117.00

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:		
CAN NOT BE INVOICED	0	\$0.00
CURRENT	3	\$4,089.54
1 - 30 DAYS	3	\$1,573.62
31 - 90 DAYS	19	\$10,233.32
91 - 180 DAYS	29	\$17,078.85
181 - 365 DAYS	6	\$5,648.28
OVER ONE YEAR	931	\$1,089,756.10

COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:		
1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	74	\$445,120.13

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:		
1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	0	\$0.00
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** TOTAL AGING	1,065	\$1,573,499.84
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
05/01/2000-05/31/2000PAGE: 1
DATE: 05/31/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	1,424	\$71,805.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	262	\$6,550.00
CREDITS	3	\$150.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$78,205.00
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PAID IN FULL	473	\$24,650.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	6	\$325.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	5	\$220.00
REFUNDS	4	\$195.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	1	\$50.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	65	\$3,175.00-
NOT GUILTY	51	\$2,550.00-

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CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/1999-05/31/2000

PAGE: 2
DATE: 05/31/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	7,778	\$394,860.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	2,186	\$54,802.00
CREDITS	7	\$650.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$449,012.00

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PAID IN FULL	4,885	\$260,160.73-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	95	\$4,571.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	45	\$1,915.33
REFUNDS	30	\$996.00
RETURNED CHECKS	4	\$225.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	4	\$60.00
CREDITS	2	\$1.60-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	5	\$250.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	449	\$18,807.00-
NOT GUILTY	182	\$8,400.00-

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CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
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05/31/2000PAGE: 3
DATE: 05/31/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	81,358	\$4,135,857.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	18,387	\$460,103.80
CREDITS	7	\$5,375.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$4,590,585.87

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PAID IN FULL	45,304	\$2,355,018.60-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,236	\$56,299.37-
OVERPAYMENTS	885	\$25,679.67
REFUNDS	171	\$8,275.31
RETURNED CHECKS	61	\$3,275.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	61	\$1,025.00
CREDITS	168	\$156.03-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	121	\$7,150.00
CREDITS	14	\$800.00-
VOIDS	4,475	\$190,532.73-
NOT GUILTY	808	\$40,450.00-
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$1,992,734.12

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

CURRENT	614	\$31,200.00
1 - 30 DAYS	580	\$29,470.00
31 - 60 DAYS	838	\$43,530.00
91 - 180 DAYS	436	\$25,815.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,601	\$103,789.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	27,523	\$1,758,930.12
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** TOTAL AGING	31,592	\$1,992,734.12

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	2,031	\$103,550.00
0 - 90 DAYS	2,254	\$118,215.00
91 - 180 DAYS	43	\$3,050.00
181 - 270 DAYS	1,187	\$79,744.00
271 - 365 DAYS	1,025	\$63,969.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	25,052	\$1,624,206.12
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** TOTAL AGING	31,592	\$1,992,734.12

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

JULY-00	RULE - 2000-01 Hunting Season Dates
	RULE - Hunting and WMA Rules and Regulations
	RULE - Personal Flotation Devices
	RULE - Nassau and Jewfish Prohibition
	RULE - Reef Fish-Daily Take, Possession & Size Limits
	RULE - King and Spanish Mackerel and Cobia
	RULE - Additional Public Oyster Seed Grounds
	RULE - Alligator Regulations
AUG-00	RULE - Prohibited Fish Species
	RULE - Harvest Regulations, Billfishes
SEPT-00	RULE - Participation in Deer Management Assistance Program
	RULE - Participation in Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary



CONTACT
225/765-2923

2000-106

5/25/00

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET JUNE 1

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2000, at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries building, located at 2000 Quail Dr. in Baton Rouge. The agenda follows:

1. Roll call
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6. Nuisance deer policy (information only)
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10. Youth Hunter Education Challenge report
11. Review of wood duck video
12. Enforcement and aviation reports for May
13. Set October 2000 meeting date
14. Public comments
15. Adjournment

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EDITORS: For more information, contact Marianne Burke at 225/765-2917
(burke_mm@wlf.state.la.us).

May 24, 2000

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: 

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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State of Louisiana



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M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: June Commission Meeting Agenda

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

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INFORMATION & EDUCATION

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11. Review of Woodduck Video

WINTON VIDRINE

12. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/May

DIVISION REPORTS

(None)

13. Set October 2000 Meeting Date

14. Public Comments

JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
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C O V E R
S H E E T



FAX

To Tom Gattle
Fax # 318 559 1524
Subject Commission Agenda
Date May 22 2000
Pages 3 including this cover sheet

COMMENTS

Please call me after you review the attached agenda for the June 1st Commission Meeting Thanks

Discussion of
Nighttime Trawling
and Double Rigs
for White Shrimp
in Lake Pontchartrain

Approved by Mr
Gattle - 5/24/2000 -
Comm Delacroy

From the desk of

Susan Hawkins

La Dept Of Wildlife & Fisheries
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Fax 225 765 0948

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

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combined
as one
item*
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 6. Notice of Intent - Daily Take and Possession Limits of King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel, and Cobia
 7. ^{Resolutions +} Notices of Intent - Removal of Monthly Reporting Requirement for:
 - a. Black Drum Over 27 Inches \$331.7
 - b. Striped Mullet \$343. E.S

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- c. Florida Pompano \$703.
- d. Spotted Seatrout \$341. A.5
- e. Commercial Fish Traversing Permit \$403. H.3

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

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WINTON VIDRINE

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DIVISION REPORTS

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May 3, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division

FROM: Susan Hawkins *Susan*

SUBJECT: General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

*Call Gattler
Apr 4
+ Nuisance Deer Policy*

The public comment period on the above subject will end close of business May 19 and then will be the time to begin preparing your letters for the House and Senate Oversight Committee. The Oversight now requires the letter before they decide if they will hold a meeting on the proposed rule. After you have **two** original letters for the proposed rule prepared, forward it to my office and I will see that they are signed by Secretary Jenkins and sent to the Capitol.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

sch

*Public Comment on Hunting seasons + regulations
Announce species for 2001 Duck Stamp
~~Washing for Parakee Dog / No Dog Live~~
Nuisance deer policy (OK w/ Gattler to see if
Comm. has reviewed packet)*

Hawkins, Susan

From: Roussel, John E
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2000 12:31 PM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Cc: Foote, Karen; Pausina, Randy; Boudreaux, Claude
Subject: FW: Commission Agenda Items

OK

-----Original Message-----

From: Ibos, Keith
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2000 12:20 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Foote, Karen; Boudreaux, Claude; Hawkins, Susan
Subject: Commission Agenda Items

John, Here's Marine Fisheries Proposed Agenda Items.

- 1-Declaration of Emergency, 2000 Commercial King Mackerel Season & Trip Limit.
- 2-Notice of Intent, 2000 Commercial King Mackerel Season & Trip Limit.
- 3-Notice of Intent, Removal of Monthly Reporting Requirement for the Commercial Harvest of Black Drum over 27 inches.
- 4-Notice of Intent, Removal of Monthly Reporting Requirement for the Commercial Harvest of Striped Mullet.
- 5-Notice of Intent, Removal of Monthly Reporting Requirement for the Commercial Harvest of Florida Pompano.
- 6-Notice of Intent, Removal of Monthly Reporting Requirement for the Commercial Harvest of Spotted Seatrout.
- 7-Notice of Intent, Removal of Monthly Reporting Requirement for Commercial Fish Traversing Permit.

If approved forward to Susan.

Thanks, Randy

State of Louisiana



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M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife,
Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries and Confidential
Assistant

FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr. *[Signature]* Secretary

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - June 1, 2000

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*Information: Review of wood duck video
by Wildlife Division*

*Education: Youth Hunter Education
Challenge Report Jonathan
Glasscock.*

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[Signature]

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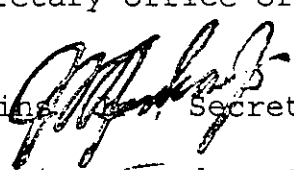
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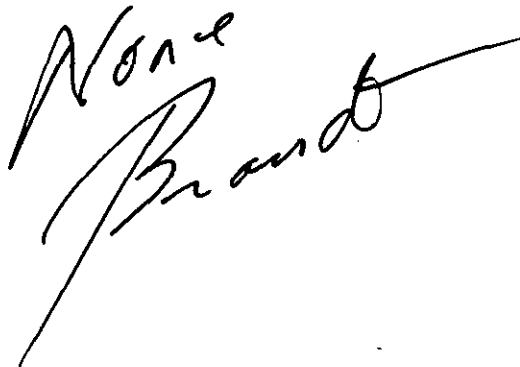
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